

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Sullivan

DATE: 6/1/65

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS  
OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
RACIAL MATTERS

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Baumgardner  
1 - Mr. Trainor  
1 - [redacted]

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After receiving advance publicity in Ohio newspapers, a Klan rally was held 5/28-31/65 in Warren County, Ohio, sponsored by the Ohio members of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The alleged purpose was to gain publicity for Klan recruitment. It was approximated that 250 to 300 persons were in attendance, a large percentage of whom were described as curiosity observers and newspaper representatives. The Warren County Sheriff's Office, which afforded rally full 24 hour coverage, escorted several Antioch College students from the locale when a scuffle ensued between Klan people and students.

According to sources, James Venable, leader of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, was in attendance. This Klan is headquartered in Tucker, Georgia, and has a membership of approximately 50. Venable has been active in recent weeks attempting to coordinate various Klan groups under one leadership. The Ohio Chapter, according to our sources, is small in numbers having approximately 15 attending closed meetings.

## OBSERVATIONS:

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Our Cincinnati Office has maintained liaison with local authorities and military intelligence. Department was advised telephonically. Cincinnati following up with detailed letterhead memorandum which will be disseminated to the Department, military intelligence agencies and Secret Service.

## ACTION:

None. For information.

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TO DIRECTOR AND CINCINNATI

FROM BALTIMORE (100-172) 2P

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*for S.T.*  
NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLU KLAN, RACIAL MATTERS

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RE CINCINNATI TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU MAY TWENTY EIGHT  
SIXTY FIVE.

REVIEW OF RECORDS BALTIMORE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT,  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, REFLECTS [REDACTED] WAS  
ARRESTED ON NOVEMBER TWELVE SIXTY TWO FOR BURGLARY, ON THE  
CHARGE OF BREAKING AND ENTERING A DWELLING HOUSE ON NOVEMBER  
NINE SIXTY TWO, STEALING THEREFROM FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY ONE  
DOLLARS IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY. HE WAS HELD FOR GRAND  
JURY ACTION ON ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR BAIL AND ON MARCH TWELVE  
SIXTY THREE WAS GIVEN SIX MONTHS PROBATION BEFORE VERDICT

AND FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND COSTS BY JUDGE REUBEN  
OPPENHEIMER. AT THAT TIME, HE WAS LISTED AS [REDACTED]  
OF AGE, DATE OF BIRTH BEING [REDACTED] OCCUPATION  
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REFLECT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] AT HARLEYSVILLE

INSURANCE COMPANY, AND HE HAS NO PERTINENT CREDIT RECORD.

HE WAS LISTED IN POLKS CITY DIRECTORY FOR BALTIMORE,

NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR AS BEING IN THE MILITARY SERVICE OF

THE UNITED STATES ARMY. BALTIMORE INDICES CONTAIN NO

INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH [REDACTED]

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TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA

FROM CINCINNATI (157-245)

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KLU KLUX KLAN. RACIAL MATTER.

JUNE TWO, INSTANT

XENIA,

OHIO ADVISED

NKKKK, CALLED

AT OFFICE TO RETAIN

ARRESTED AT

KLAN RALLY, OREGONIA, OHIO PAST WEEKEND.

KLAN FOR FORTY FOOT CROSS BURNING EVENING OF JUNE EIGHTEEN,

NEXT, NEAR YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO. THIS WILL BE TO PROTEST

LEFT WING ACTIVITIES AT ANTIOCH COLLEGE AND FACT MARTIN LUTHER

KING, JR., SPEAKING AT ANTIOCH COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT MORNING

JUNE NINETEEN, NEXT. THAT MORNING KLAN MEMBERS PLAN CARRYING

CHARRED CROSSES AND STATION THEMSELVES AT ENTRANCES AROUND

ANTIOCH COLLEGE AND YELLOW SPRINGS VICINITY. PURPOSE IS FOR

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FREE NATIONAL PUBLICITY TO ADVANCE KLAN'S CAUSE.  GOING  
SOUTH THIS WEEK TO RECRUIT IN TENNESSEE, GEORGIA, MISSISSIPPI,  
AND LOUISIANA, FOR THIS ACTIVITY. CHIEF JAMES MC KEE, YELLOW  
SPRINGS, OHIO ADVISED AND ANTICIPATES WEEK END CROWD OF  
OUTSIDERS FOR ANTIOCH COMMENCEMENT TO BE FOUR TO FIVE THOUSAND.  
INTERESTED AGENCIES ADVISED. LHM FOLLOWS. //

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SAC, Cincinnati (157-245)

6/8/65

Director, FBI (157-168)

**NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF  
THE KU KLUX KLAN  
RACIAL MATTERS**

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DATE 8-19-88 BY SP8 JY/gh

Reference is made to Cincinnati teletype dated 6/2/65, which advised that the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK) in Ohio is planning to burn a cross near Yellow Springs, Ohio, during the evening of 6/18/65, to protest "left-wing activities at Antioch College." Klansmen are scheduled to protest, during the morning of 6/19/65, a speech by Martin Luther King at the commencement at Antioch College. The over-all purpose, according to a Cincinnati source, is to obtain publicity for the Klan. b6  
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a NKKKK official, plans to travel to Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee, to obtain support for the Klan activities in Ohio. Cincinnati is instructed to stay on top of Klan activities in its territory, arrange for suitable coverage of the 6/18-19/65 activities, and continue close liaison with appropriate law enforcement agencies and military intelligence. The Bureau and interested offices must be kept currently advised.

Recipient offices should be most alert for efforts of  to recruit Klan support for the Ohio Klan activities.  who comes from Buchanan, Georgia, recently presided over a two-day Klan meeting in Montgomery, Alabama. A feature of this meeting was a discussion concerning the possibility of uniting various Klan groups into one Klan called, the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (KKKK). As offices are aware, efforts have been made in the recent past to unite the various Klans under one central leader and power, without success. James Venable, leader of the NKKKK has participated in the unification program and, according to one source, is the leader of the new KKKK. A second name, Association of Klans in America, has also been utilized by this new group. The new Klan group is allegedly taking the place of the NKKKK, which name will be allowed

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Letter to Cincinnati  
RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF  
THE KU KLUX KLAN  
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to disappear. It is obvious at this stage that the above-mentioned Klan names will be utilized interchangeably. Communications should be appropriately captioned with copies designated to all related files. A primary concern should be the obtaining of all available information pertaining to a reorganizing of the NKKKK along with the arranging of suitable coverage of Klan activities aimed at unification.

NOTE:

Klan activities in Ohio have recently increased under the name NKKKK. A rally was held during the weekend of 5/29-31/65, for the purpose of gaining publicity and recruitment of new members. [redacted] and Venable, Klan officials, have been most active in forming a new Klan called, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, which will not only take over from the NKKKK, headquartered in Tucker, Georgia, but will supposedly be the Klan which will unify the various Klan groups in the country. Dissemination of pertinent information has been made to the military, Department, and Secret Service.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10  
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)  
FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-245) - P -

DATE: 6/11/65

SUBJECT: KNIGHTS OF KKK *KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, I.W.O.*  
ATLANTA DIVISION  
RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

On 6/2/65, [redacted]

Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith, 82 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio, visited the Columbus Resident Agency and left a copy of [redacted] Report", dated 5/28/65. Identity of [redacted] is not disclosed. It is quoted in its entirety as follows:

[redacted] Report

May 28, 1965

Top Strategy Meeting of National Knights  
of the Ku Klux Klan - Montgomery, Ala.  
May 22 and 23, 1965

[redacted] advised that [redacted] James Venable, the [redacted] drove to Montgomery for a meeting with people from other parts of the south. Present were [redacted] and a [redacted] as well as an individual whose name is unknown who is [redacted] inches tall and 260 pounds, [redacted] from Louisiana. [redacted] from Florida as well as [redacted] from Tallahassee and a man by the name of [redacted] Iron City, Ga., phone number [redacted] This group stayed at the Dobie Motel

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- 1 - Miami (Info) (RM)
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- 1 - Jacksonville (Info) (RM)
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[redacted] was present at the meeting. It was decided that the main order of business would be to set up a Royal Concillium for the south, composed of 16 members, 12 of whom have been picked as follows: [redacted] was made a member emeritus; the ruling council consists of Venable [redacted]

[redacted] from Louisiana name unknown, Nims from South Carolina, Wilson, and Hodges from South Carolina. The remainder of the Concillium will be picked shortly.

"There was much discussion about the potential that Ohio has and [redacted] is going back to Cincinnati to attempt to set up headquarters in Cincinnati for klan expansion in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana. He states that there is a large potential there, and they could have a very big operation in that area.

[redacted] wants to take over the klan. He believes that there is money to be made and the klan can reach its former heights. This was discussed at the first concillium meeting but in view of James Venable's long service they decided not to move Venable out. However, what they have done is the following: [redacted] is going to make many more of the decisions for the organization and they gave a sop to Venable by giving him a dollar from every new member from the dues to go into a legal fund which he will keep.

"Venable still states that they are getting many inquiries about membership and that the membership is growing. Venable continues to hint regularly that there is big money involved and that there are people who are willing to support the operation who are not members of the klan. During the discussion it was asked what they were going to do about people who they could not control or wish to squelch. It was stated by [redacted] that they would use the usual procedure, he said this while drawing a finger across his throat. Venable then said we have the man for that and we will liquidate them

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as necessary. It was suggested that instead perhaps they just castrate them but both Venable and [redacted] stated that no it was necessary to liquidate them to prove that the klan isn't kidding.

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"The main portion of the meeting was set aside to ways and means to have a drive throughout the south for membership. Each of the individuals present was told to go back to his area and start working out a plan so that the National Knights could become a large organization, and to work very hard for membership. It was also suggested that the other members of the Concillium submit names for four more members of the Royal Concillium could be picked and appointed."

Cincinnati is retaining the copy of the report in its files.

## Domestic Intelligence Division

## INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 6/9/65

Information in attached will be furnished to Department and interested intelligence agencies. General Edwin Walker who received wide publicity following his dispute with Army and his subsequent resignation, has been identified with right-wing and segregationist causes.

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SAC, Cincinnati (157-245)

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Director, FBI (157-168) - *EX-107 375*

**NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
RACIAL MATTERS**

Reurlet dated 6/11/65, captioned "Knights of the Ku Klux Klan" (KKKK) which set out a report, as made available by a representative of the B'Nai B'Rith Society, pertaining to a recently held meeting of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK), Montgomery, Alabama.

Bearing in mind the identities of all the individuals within the territory who attended the Montgomery meeting, you should submit your comments as to the possible identity of the B'Nai B'Rith source, labelled

As you are aware, the name KKKK has recently been interchanged with the name NKKKK. Previous information furnished Cincinnati indicated that the two day meeting in Montgomery featured a discussion concerning the possibility of uniting various klan groups into one Klan called the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan or Association of Klans in America. Future correspondence containing Klan information should carry the appropriate caption, in this case, National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, and copies directed to the appropriate files.

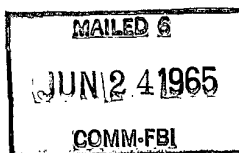
Since Klan activities in Ohio have certainly increased, of late, under the name of National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, you are reminded that sustained efforts should be put forth to insure adequate coverage of all planned activities is obtained and the Bureau kept currently advised.

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The report of the B'Nai B'Rith Society furnished by an unknown source,  contains information already in our possession. Since Cincinnati is currently putting forth concentrated efforts in the investigation of Klan organizations and affiliated individuals within its territory, it would behoove them to know the identity of

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8-43 R PM CST URGENT 6/9/65 OLP

TO DIRECTOR (157-168), DALLAS AND LITTLE ROCK

FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-188)

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KLU KLUX KLAN RM.

RACIAL MATTERS

ON JUNE NINE INSTANT,

ADVISED

THAT HE HAD LEARNED THAT THERE WILL BE A KLAN MEETING SUNDAY  
AFTERNOON JUNE THIRTEEN NEXT <sup>FROM</sup> FOR TWO TO FOUR PM AT SCOTT'S  
RESTAURANT, ALSO KNOWN AS "KKK RESTUARANT" BELIEVED TO BE AT  
BIVINS, TEXAS. THE RESTAURANT IS ACROSS THE TEXAS STATE  
LINE FROM IDA, LOUISIANA.

GENERAL EDWIN WALKER IS TO BE THE GUEST SPEAKER AT THREE PM

IN ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING WILL BE THE HEAD OF EACH  
KLAVERN AND HIS ASSISTANT IN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, EAST  
TEXAS, AND ARKANSAS.

IS NOT ATTENDING THIS MEETING DUE  
TO PRIOR COMMITMENT.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT NEW ORLEANS DIVISION BE ADVISED BY  
DALLAS IF THEY WILL BE ABLE TO AFFORD THIS MEETING INFORMANT  
COVERAGE.

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Mr. Casper  
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To: SAC, Dallas (105-275)  
2 - New Orleans (157-188)

From: Director, FBI (157-168)

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN  
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

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ReNOtel 6-9-65, which indicated that the "heads of each klavern" of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK) in Louisiana, East Texas and Arkansas will attend a Klan meeting tentatively scheduled to be held on the afternoon of 6-13-65, Bivins, Texas.

Recipient offices should put forth sustained efforts aimed at affording this meeting sufficient coverage. New Orleans should keep Dallas advised of expected coverage by New Orleans informants. As both offices are aware, the NKKKK has been most active during recent months, in putting forth attempts to consolidate the various Klans throughout the South. It is most important that we stay on top of any plans of unification.

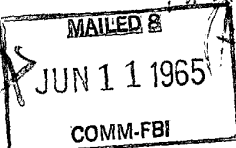
The Bureau should be kept currently advised and pertinent data relating to results of meeting should be furnished in form suitable for dissemination. Both Dallas and New Orleans should continue close liaison with appropriate law enforcement agencies and military intelligence.

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NOTE: Members of the NKKKK, headquartered in Tucker, Georgia, and which group has a membership of less than 100, plan to hold a meeting across the Texas border from Ida, Louisiana. The Department has been advised by telephone. New Orleans has previously advised Dallas to arrange coverage.

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FBI DALLAS

1036 AM CST URGENT 6-11-65 PSB

TO DIRECTOR (157-168) LITTLE ROCK AND NEW ORLEANS (157-188)

FROM DALLAS (105-275)

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, RM (KLAN).

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, DALLAS AND LITTLE ROCK  
JUNE NINE LAST.

ON JUNE TEN LAST [REDACTED] ADVISED HE WOULD  
COVER MEETING OF KKK AT BIVINS, TEXAS, JUNE THIRTEEN NEXT. THIS  
MEETING TO BE HELD AT KOSY KILDARE KITCHEN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OF BIVINS KLAN. MEMBERS OF KLAN FROM  
LOUISIANA, CENTER, TEXAS, PINE BLUFF, ARK., AND TEXARKANA, TEX., TO  
ATTEND. PURPOSE OF MEETING IS TO MAKE PLANS FOR A LARGE KLAN RALLY  
TO BE HELD AT PINE BLUFF, ARK., JUNE NINETEEN NEXT. ALL CURRENT  
AND PAST MEMBERS OF KLAN ARE BEING INVITED TO PINE BLUFF AND A  
LARGE NUMBER DESIRED FOR THIS MEETING TO BE HELD EIGHT PM THAT  
EVENING.

[REDACTED] OF PINE BLUFF HAS ADVISED THAT HE AND TWO OTHERS  
WILL ATTEND MEETING AT BIVINS. [REDACTED] STATED HE HAD CONTACTED  
KLAN LEADERS AT MONROE, LOUISIANA, AND THEY HAVE PROMISED TO ATTEND.

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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LITTLE ROCK AND NEW ORLEANS CONTACT INFORMANTS RELATIVE TO  
BOTH MEEGTINGS.

LITTLE ROCK ADVISE OF ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING PROPOSED  
RALLY OF JUNE NINETEEN NEXT.

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Date: 6/17/65

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)  
 FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (157-48) P  
 SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
 KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
 RM ATLANTA  
 OO: Savannah

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For the information of the Bureau, the Wilmington Morning News issue of 6/17/65, contained an article by RALPH DANNHEISSER which stated that DANNHEISSER had been in telephonic contact with the Imperial Wizard JAMES R. VENABLE of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

According to the article, VENABLE stated the Klan is active in Delaware and they plan a rally near Wilmington within six weeks. VENABLE said that the local meeting, complete with Klan cross burning, will be part of a nationwide membership drive.

VENABLE indicated he plans to come to Wilmington to speak at the rally. He claimed that the Klan has been in operation in Delaware for "two months or longer" and claimed a membership of about 600 state wide with "many" in the Wilmington area.

VENABLE also indicated, according to the article, that the object of the Wilmington meeting to be held "in the next 40 days" will be to get members by "letting people know

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what the Klan stands for." VENABLE indicated that "We are trying to unite the white race to control this county and keep it a white country."

VENABLE refused to give the names of any Delawareans he claims are members of the Klan, declaring that "It's a violation of the Klan oath to reveal the name of a member."

VENABLE said the site of the meeting had not been chosen but will be a private property near Wilmington.

He stated the Delaware Klan Club has not yet been accepted as a member of the National Klan Association. He continued that acceptance into the elite Klan body will come soon after the projected rally or certainly "within the next 60 days."

There is no evidence to date of active Klan activity in Delaware area. Our sources have been alerted to ascertain any new Klan activity.

LEADS:

ATLANTA DIVISION

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Will, through sources, attempt to verify any plan activity of the Klan in the Delaware area during the coming summer.

BALTIMORE DIVISION

AT WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

Will follow meeting in Wilmington, and attempt to clarify alleged presence of Klan members in the Delaware area.

Bulky Exhibit - Inventory of Property Acquired as Evidence  
FD-192 (Rev. 11-18-64)

Date 7/23/65

☐ Check, when submitting semiannual inventory, if no previous correspondence with Bureau.

Bufile <b>157-168</b>	Status of Case	Submitting Office <b>ATLANTA</b> <i>JKL</i>	File # <b>157-60-1B1</b>
		Office of Origin	File #

Title and Character of Case

**NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., aka  
Racial Matters**

Date Property Acquired <b>3/6/64</b>	Source From Which Property Acquired <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px;"></div>
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Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

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One 33 1/3rd RPM Phonograph Record issued and distributed by National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Tucker, Ga. Side one of this record is entitled "Ku Klux Klan Stops Atlanta Race War; United Nations Riots Jewish-Led; Police Protected by Mayor Ivan Allen." Side two is entitled "Ku Klux Klan will Save America and Caucasian Race-Join It!" This record is narrated by Herbert Wallace Butterworth, Public Relations director of National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

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SEMIANNUAL INVENTORY CERTIFICATION TO JUSTIFY RETENTION OF PROPERTY (Initial and date)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (Your file 157-4963) DATE: 7/28/65FROM: Director, FBI (Bufile and Serial 157-168)  
Room (No. 817 RB) (D) ☒ Post in file and  
destroy 0-1  
(For SOG use  
only)SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN☐ 1. Bufiles indicate this case is delinquent. Give specific reason for delinquency.☐ ReNOTel dated 7/18/65☒ airtel ☒ letterhead memo ☐ submitted  
☒ 2. DATE ☐ report  
☐ letter ☐ 90-day progress letter ☒ will be submitted

Reporting employee \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 3. If valid reason exists for not submitting report at this time, state reason specifically and when report will be submitted \_\_\_\_\_☐ 4. Status of ☐ Appeal ☐ Inquiry ☐ Investigation ☐ Prosecution  
☐ airtel ☐ letterhead memo☐ 5. Submit ☐ report  
☐ letter ☐ 90-day progress letter by \_\_\_\_\_

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LNM will be submitted by

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## Memorandum

TO : SAC, BALTIMORE (Your file 100-172) DATE: 8/3/65  
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☐ ReBAairtel dated 6/18/65 and 0-1 dated 7/12/65.

☐ airtel

☐ letterhead memo

☐ submitted

☐ 2. DATE ☐ report

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☐ 90-day progress letter

☐ will be submitted

Reporting employee \_\_\_\_\_

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(Date)

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*This case is C - Ba Office, KKK activity as  
 under UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, & has been handled*

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## Memorandum

FROM:

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SAC, CINCINNATI

(Your file 157-245) DATE: 7/1/65

TO:

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: Director, FBI (Bufile and Serial 157-168)

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 SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, ATLANTA  
DIVISION. RACIAL MATTERS.
RE-CINCINNATI TELETYPE DATED 6/26/65 WITH ABOVE CAPTION.
☐ 1. Bufiles indicate this case is delinquent. Give specific reason for delinquency.

☒ SUBMIT LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM RE DEVELOPMENTS.
☐ airtel

☐ letterhead memo

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☐ 2. DATE ☐ report

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☐ 90-day progress letter

☐ will be submitted

Reporting employee \_\_\_\_\_

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LHM re captioned matter submitted 6/29/65. A/R

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Date: 6/3/65

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-245) (P)

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DATE 8-12-88 BY SP-10/10/88SUBJECT: PROPOSED ACTIVITY BY NATIONAL KNIGHTS  
OF THE KU KLUX KLAN UPON MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S  
VISIT TO ANTIOCH COLLEGE, YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO  
JUNE 18-19, 1965  
RMRe Cincinnati tel to Director, 6/2/65, captioned  
"NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN; RM".Enclosed for Bureau are 8 copies of LHM, 3 copies  
of LHM for Atlanta and 2 copies each of LHM to JACKSON  
Knoxville, Memphis, New Orleans and Savannah Offices. One  
copy of this LHM is being designated locally to 109th  
INTC Group, Cincinnati, OSI, WPAFB, ONI, Columbus, and 2  
copies to U. S. Secret Service, Cincinnati, Ohio.

- ENCLOSURE
- 5 - Bureau (Enc. 8) (RM)
  - 3 - NKKKK (157-168)
  - 2 - MARTIN LUTHER KING
  - 3 - Atlanta (Enc. 3) (RM)
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DATE FORW: 6/8/65

HOW FORW:

BY: [Signature]

1 copies made  
2/6/78 JTB/MS/2/2/78  
re William H. Morris  
for review at FBIHQ by  
HSCA re 1/9/78 request  
(See Bufile #62-117290)

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Special Agent in Charge

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Source utilized in LHM is [redacted]  
[redacted] Xenia, Ohio, who furnished this information to  
SA [redacted] The Bureau is aware of [redacted] past  
activities and has instructed Cincinnati Division to accept  
but not solicit information from her.

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On 6/2/65, Chief JAMES MC KEE, Yellow Springs, Ohio,  
PD, and RUSSELL BRADLEY, Sheriff, Greene County, Ohio, were furnished  
information contained in this LHM.

Chief MC KEE advised that KING's wife is a graduate  
of Antioch College (1949), and knows many people in the Yellow  
Springs area. KING and his wife are tentatively scheduled to  
arrive in Yellow Springs, Ohio, Friday, 6/18/65, and will stay  
over that evening in a friend's house which is located across  
the street from MC KEE's residence.

This matter is being closely followed by Cincinnati  
Division and all information developed will be immediately fur-  
nished to Bureau, other offices and interested agencies.

LEADS:

All offices receiving copies of this communication  
will contact logical informants and sources and furnish Cincinnati  
Division pertinent information pertaining to Klan members travel-  
ing to Ohio for captioned matter.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Cincinnati, Ohio  
June 3, 1965

RE: PROPOSED ACTIVITY BY NATIONAL KNIGHTS  
OF THE KU KLUX KLAN UPON MARTIN LUTHER KING,  
JR'S VISIT TO ANTIOCH COLLEGE, YELLOW SPRINGS,  
OHIO, JUNE 18-19, 1965

On June 2, 1965, a source who has not furnished  
sufficient information in the past to establish extent of  
reliability, advised as follows:

[redacted] National Knights of  
the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK), plans to burn a forty foot cross near  
Yellow Springs, Ohio, (location unknown to date) on Friday  
evening, June 18, 1965. [redacted] is traveling to Tennessee,  
Georgia, Mississippi and Louisiana sometime this week to  
recruit persons to travel to Ohio for this activity.

On morning of June 19, 1965, Klan members will carry  
"charred crosses" and station themselves at entrances around  
Antioch College and Yellow Springs, Ohio, vicinity. This  
activity is to protest "left wing" activities at Antioch  
College and fact Martin Luther King, Jr. is speaking at Antioch  
College commencement exercise June 19, 1965.

[redacted] indicated that the purpose of this activity  
is for free national publicity which he believes will enhance  
the Klan cause.

Characterizations of the NKKKK are attached hereto.

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☐ AIRGRAM ☐ CABLEGRAM ☒ RADIO ☒ TELETYPE

4:30 PM EST URGENT 6-18-65 JKH  
 TO DIRECTOR  
 FROM CINCINNATI 182013

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 DATE 8-19-88 BY SP8 JY/fat

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, RACIAL MATTERS.

RE BUREAU LETTER JUNE 8 LAST.

ON INSTANT DATE [REDACTED] (PROTECT)

[REDACTED] XENIA, OHIO, ADVISED [REDACTED] WAS TALKING  
 [REDACTED] CINCINNATI,  
 OHIO, WHO TOLD [REDACTED] KLAN COULD NOT MUSTER ENOUGH  
 PEOPLE TO CONDUCT PICKETING OR BURN CROSS IN VICINITY  
 YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO, JUNE 18 OR 19, 1965. [REDACTED] STATED  
 KLAN PLANS NO ACTIVITIES IN YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO AREA.

TODAY [REDACTED] ADVISED HE MADE INQUIRY AMONG  
 ASSOCIATES, AND LATEST INFORMATION INDICATES MARTIN  
 LUTHER KING'S SPEECH AT ANTIOCH COLLEGE, YELLOW SPRINGS,  
 OHIO, IN ALL PROBABILITY BEING CANCELLED. IN VIEW THIS  
 DEVELOPMENT, KLAN ORGANIZATION, CINCINNATI DIVISION,  
 PLANS NO PICKETING OR ACTIVITY IN PROTEST KING'S  
 APPEARANCE. CINCINNATI CLOSELY FOLLOWING THIS MATTER.

LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM  
 LHM FOLLOWS.

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Date: 6/18/65

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)  
 FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (100-172)  
 SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
 KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
 RM

00: ~~ATLANTA~~  
~~SAVANNAH~~

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Re BA AT 6/17/65, reflecting item in the Wilmington,  
 Delaware, Morning News, 6/17/65.

RALPH DANNHEISER, Wilmington News Journal, telephonically  
 contacted the Baltimore office on June 16, 1965, indicating  
 that he understood the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan,  
 Inc. (KKK) were planning a rally in the Wilmington, Delaware,  
 area. He asked if the Baltimore office would comment on the  
 situation. He was advised that his call was appreciated but  
 no comment could be made.

It is noted the article appearing in the Wilmington  
Morning News, June 17, 1965, was under the by-line of RALPH  
 DANNHEISER.

June 17, 1965, AUSA ALFRED LINDH, Wilmington,  
 advised the Wilmington Resident Agency that DANNHEISER had  
 called him for his comments concerning the alleged planned  
 Klan rally. LINDH stated he had offered no comment to the  
 reporter. The Wilmington Evening Journal, June 17, 1965,  
 carried an article under DANNHEISER's by-line rehashing the  
 morning article, but adding that the USA's office in  
 Wilmington would consult with the FBI later in the day of  
 June 17, 1965, to discuss the alleged KKK rally. The article

- 3 - Bureau  
 2 - Atlanta (157-60) Info  
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continued that no comment could be made concerning what action government officials could take against the KKK if it did go through with its proposed rally, pending the outcome of the meeting with the FBI. USA LINDH advised that the statement by DANNHEISER was entirely fabricated by the reporter and a misquote of his conversation with that reporter.

Baltimore office has ascertained no reported activity on Klan organizations or hate organizations in the Delaware area from its sources which have been alerted for sometime with respect to these organizations.

Baltimore will continue to be alert to any development in the Wilmington, Delaware, area with respect to renewed activity by the KKK and will attempt to ascertain through sources if the alleged KKK rally for approximately six weeks hence will be held.

Bureau will be kept abreast of all developments. //



Routing Slip  
FD-4 (Rev. 3-4-64)

Date 6-28-65

To:

☒ Director

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Att.: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ SAC \_\_\_\_\_ Title NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN INC.

☐ ASAC \_\_\_\_\_ RM

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cc-Atlanta (157-60)

Savannah (157-210)

SAC E. R. TULLY  
Baltimore *th*

See reverse side Office \_\_\_\_\_

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 6/18/65

Referenced Bureau letter instructed Cincinnati to stay on top of Klan activities in Ohio in view of indicated plans to burn a cross near Yellow Springs, Ohio, on 6/18/65, and to demonstrate during speech by Martin Luther King at Antioch College on 6/19/65. Attached information being furnished Civil Rights Division.

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Date: 6/15/65

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DALLAS

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
 RM (KLAN)  
 OO: ATLANTA  
 Bufile 157-168  
 Little Rock 157-128  
 Atlanta 157-60  
 New Orleans 157-188  
 Dallas 105-275 (P)

ASSOCIATION OF ARKANSAS KLANS  
 OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
 RM (KLAN)  
 OO: LITTLE ROCK  
 Bufile 157-92  
 Little Rock 157-15  
 New Orleans (unknown)  
 Dallas 157-12 (P)

Re New Orleans teletype to Bureau, Dallas and Little Rock, dated 6/9/65, Dallas teletype to Bureau, Little Rock and New Orleans, dated 6/11/65, and Bureau airtel to Dallas and New Orleans, dated 6/11/65, all captioned "NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, RM (KLAN)".

There are enclosed herewith for the Bureau eight copies, and for New Orleans and Little Rock four copies, of LHM containing details of the meeting held near Bivins, Texas, on 6/13/65, concerning a demonstration cross-burning and meeting of KKK members of the above captioned organizations at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, on the evening of 6/19/65. Three copies of LHM are furnished Atlanta.

- ENCLOSURE  
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It is believed that dissemination of this information in a discreet manner should be made to responsible and reliable officers at Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

Every care should be taken to restrict the information to completely reliable persons in order to protect the identity of the informant since the leader of the meeting was [ ] of the Dallas Office.

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The source of the information contained in the enclosed LHM is [ ]

Dissemination is being made locally at Dallas to INTC.

New Orleans and Little Rock may desire to disseminate copies to their respective military intelligence agency.



In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Dallas, Texas

June 15, 1965

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

ASSOCIATION OF ARKANSAS  
KLANS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

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DATE 8-79-88 BY: [signature]

On June 14, 1965, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on the afternoon of June 13, 1965, members, consisting principally of National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and the Association of Arkansas Klans of the Ku Klux Klan, met at the Kosv Kildare Kitchen, which [redacted] of the Klavern of the Association of Arkansas Klans of the Ku Klux Klan, some 10 miles south of Bivins, Texas.

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Some 22 Klan members were present from Texas, Louisiana, and Arkansas. The meeting was [redacted] of the Association of Arkansas Klans of the Ku Klux Klan, in the absence of the Grand Dragon of this organization.

The purpose of this meeting was to formulate plans for a meeting, cross-burning and demonstration to be held on the evening of June 19, 1965, at Pine Bluff, Arkansas. This meeting is to congregate some 1½ miles south of Pine Bluff in an open field or pasture which has been leased from a private individual for this purpose. The meeting was proposed to be a brief one, lasting no longer than 45 minutes and beginning at about 8:00 PM or when it is actually dark. No other activities are planned other than the cross-burning and having a speaker, who has not yet been identified or obtained.

The following were identified as being present at this meeting:

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

ASSOCIATION OF ARKANSAS KLANS  
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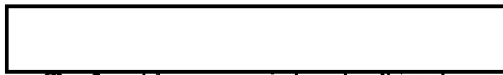
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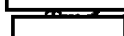


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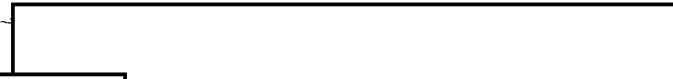



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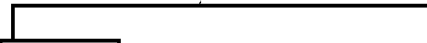


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ASSOCIATION OF ARKANSAS KLANS  
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The meeting is being designated by the code name of the "El Dorado Project" in order not to call attention to the fact that the gathering is to be at Pine Bluff. The password for those attending the meeting will be "Arkla" and the response to this password will be "Tex".

Two classes of people are to attend the meeting:

Known and reliable members of the Klan groups who will all be robed and unidentified;

Visitors who are regarded as sympathizers and who will be seated in a segregated or special place at the meeting.

Armed guards are to be posted on the road leading to the meeting place and all persons attending the meeting will be identified and vouched for by guards and parties at the place of access. Any strangers regarded as unsympathetic attempting to attend the meeting, such as Federal Bureau of Investigation agents or peace officers, or others, are to be detained until they are identified and a decision made as to what is to be done about them. No explanation or description was given as to just how this detention will take place and whether or not force will be used.

All Klan members as indicated were to come to the meeting attired in robes and are not to speak to one another during the course of the meeting. A number of visitors regarded as sympathizers are expected to attend from Hamburg, Arkansas. It was also indicated that many additional robes will be taken to Pine Bluff and these might be draped upon sticks of some sort to give the impression that there are more Klan people attending the meeting than actually come.

Klan members from Shreveport also stated during the meeting of June 13, 1965, that they desired a similar demonstration in Louisiana in the near future. The place and time was not designated. They desire to have the support of all Klan groups such as are going to attend the demonstration at Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

ASSOCIATION OF ARKANSAS KLANS  
OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

By their expression the members from Coushatta, Louisiana, were regarded as being very militant in their attitude and were heard to make statements that if any Negroes attempt to disrupt the meeting, "it would be just too bad", which was understood to mean that they would take direct and possibly violent action, even by firearms, if necessary.

[REDACTED] of the Association of Arkansas Klans of the Ku Klux Klan, stated during the course of the meeting that he would attempt to contact some one on Channel 12, T.V., Shreveport, Louisiana, for publicity. Other members present, however, were somewhat opposed to this idea and desired secrecy and security rather than publicity.

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ASSOCIATION OF ARKANSAS KLANS  
OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (AAK)

On April 22, 1959, a source advised that on April 21, 1959, the AAK was formed at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, for the purpose of promoting white supremacy and segregation of the races, but violence was disavowed. Leaders of the newly formed organization had been the leaders of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK) and the same general policies of the OKKKK were to be carried out by the newly formed organization.

In March, 1965, [ ] source advised that [ ] of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, is currently [ ] of the AAK in Arkansas and he is maintaining a policy of non-violence.

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[ ] source advised that the ritual of the OKKKK is taken from the "Kloran" of the Association of South Carolina Klans (ASCK).

Concerning the ASCK the following is noted:

A source advised on September 24, 1956, that the ASCK was organized in the fall of 1955 and is patterned after the Association of Carolina Klans (ACK). The source stated the ASCK is a new organization and not a re-birth of the ACK, although all high-ranking officials of the ASCK had been members of the ACK. The announced purposes of this organization are to promote white supremacy and to combat integration of races; however, the use of violence is disavowed.

A source advised on September 2, 1950, that the ACK was composed of groups formerly members of the Association of Georgia Klans (AGK), and although the ACK severed all connections with the AGK on November 14, 1949, the ideals, purposes, and policies of the two organizations remained identical. The ACK became defunct after conviction and imprisonment of its highest official and other members in 1952.

The AGK has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Date 7/2/65

To:

☒ Director

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☐ ASAC \_\_\_\_\_ KU KLUX KLAN

☐ Supv. \_\_\_\_\_ RACIAL MATTERS ✓

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TO DIRECTOR (157-168), SACS ATLANTA AND SAVANNAH

FROM CINCINNATI (157-245)

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN - ATLANTA DIVISION

RACIAL MATTER.

RE SAVANNAH RADIOGRAM OF JUNE TWENTY FOUR LAST.

[REDACTED] TODAY ADVISED OHIO KLAN ORGANIZATION  
INITIATION NEW MEMBERS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD JUNE TWENTY SEVEN  
NEXT [REDACTED] OREGONIA, OHIO. KLAN INITIATION  
CLOSED TO PUBLIC AND NEWS MEDIA AND POSSIBLY ONE HUNDRED  
INDIVIDUALS MAY BE INITIATED INTO KLAN. JAMES A. VENABLE  
IMPERIAL WIZARD EXPECTED TO ARRIVE TODAY OR TOMORROW AM TO  
GIVE SPEECH AND HANDLE INITIATION NEW MEMBERS.

INFORMANT ADVISES NO KNOWN VIOLENCE CONTEMPLATED. WARREN  
COUNTY, OHIO SO AND OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL ADVISED AND ALERTED.  
INFORMANT WILL KEEP CINCINNATI OFFICE ADVISED ALL PERTINENT  
DEVELOPMENTS.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-245) (P)

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tion to SA [redacted] on 6/18/65.4 - Bureau (3-157-168) (Enc. 9) (RM)  
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[redacted] source mentioned in LHM is [redacted]  
[redacted] who furnished information to SA [redacted] on  
✓ 6/18/65. - The Bureau is aware of [redacted] past activities  
and has requested the Cincinnati Division to accept but not  
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Activities and contacts of KING in Yellow Springs,  
Ohio, area will be furnished Bureau under caption of "MARTIN  
LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C."



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Cincinnati, Ohio  
June 22, 1965

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES BY NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN UPON MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S  
VISIT TO ANTIOCH COLLEGE, YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO,  
JUNE 19, 1965

Reference is made to communication dated June 3, 1965, captioned "Proposed Activities By National Knights Of The Ku Klux Klan Upon Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Visit to Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, June 19, 1965."

On June 18, 1965, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that as of this date there is no information the Ku Klux Klan plans to protest or conduct activities at Antioch College while Martin Luther King, Jr. is in the Yellow Springs, Ohio, area.

On the same date, [redacted] source who has not furnished enough information in the past to determine extent of reliability, determined that the Klan could not "muster" enough people to burn crosses in the vicinity of Yellow Springs and do not plan to conduct activities in or near Yellow Springs, Ohio, June 18 or 19, 1965.

On June 19, 1965, James A. McKee, Chief, Police Department, Yellow Springs, Ohio, furnished the following information:

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Martin Luther King, Jr. arrived at Cox Municipal Airport, Dayton, Ohio, June 18, 1965, and from there was escorted by the Yellow Springs Police Department and other law enforcement agencies to Yellow Springs, Ohio. King and his wife stayed overnight with [redacted]

[redacted] Yellow Springs, Ohio.

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TO ANTIOCH COLLEGE, YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO, JUNE 19, 1965

According to McKee, Reverend King gave the commencement address at Antioch College, entitled "Facing The Challenge of a New Age." In his address, King advocated and stressed peace in Vietnam and an end to segregation in the United States.

During the time King was in Yellow Springs, Ohio, no Klan activities took place, and no incidents relating to King's visit were brought to the attention of his office.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM : SAC, LOUISVILLE (157-240) (RUC)

SUBJECT: ASSOCIATION OF KLANS IN AMERICA  
RM-KLAN

DATE: 6/29/65

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Re Atlanta airtel 5/13/65 and Cincinnati airtel,  
no copy to Bureau, 5/27/65.

Referenced Atlanta airtel stated information  
had been received indicating the possibility that  
[redacted] had been appointed [redacted]  
[redacted] in the KKKK (Georgia) by JAMES R. VENABLE,  
Chairman of the Association of Klans in America.  
[redacted] was formerly active in Klan activities in  
Cincinnati, Ohio, but was indicted by the Hamilton County,  
Ohio, Grand Jury, in September, 1964, on a charge of  
criminal syndicalism. Subsequently, he left Cincinnati  
and took up residence in Ravenna, Kentucky. He has  
from time to time volunteered information to the Cincinnati  
Office, as well as to the Louisville Office, concerning  
Klan activities.

On June 17, 1965, [redacted] was contacted  
at Ravenna, Kentucky, by SA [redacted]. He said  
that he has not been appointed [redacted] in the KKKK  
and commented he "had been used by the KKKK" when they  
reportedly made him [redacted] in Ohio prior to his  
arrest in Ohio. He said he had recently attended a  
Klan rally near Oregonia, Ohio, and had been in contact  
with the Cincinnati Office concerning the rally.

[redacted] remarked that for the past two weeks  
he had worked for the KRI Higgins Company in Lexington,  
Kentucky, but had been fired from his job because of a  
complaint made by a customer. He claimed he is not permitted

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to keep a job due to the publicity he received while in Ohio with respect to his Klan activities. He expressed his belief there is a Communist in a high position in the Klan. He also expressed his opinion that there are FBI Agents in the Klan and there are Klan members who are FBI Agents. [redacted] had no facts upon which to base this opinion.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-60) (P)

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KU KLUX KLAN  
RM - KLAN

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Re Baltimore airtel to Bureau 6/17/65.

[ ] advised 6/21 and 25/65 he does not know of any planned activity by National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in Delaware this summer; however, he advised that JAMES R. VENABLE has received some correspondence from someone in Delaware, identity unknown, and VENABLE has corresponded with someone there, presumably in connection with Klan activity.

[ ] will advise of any information received relating to Klan activity in the Delaware area.

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4:42 PM EST URGENT 6-25-65 SHR  
 TO DIRECTOR AND BIRMINGHAM  
 FROM MIAMI 252040

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.; KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN.  
 RM (KLAN)

RE MIAMI AIRTEL TO BUREAU JUNE 23, LAST.

[REDACTED] (PROB), ADVISED TODAY [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] UKA, WILL ARRIVE AT FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA. JUNE 29, NEXT,  
 AND WILL STAY AT [REDACTED]  
 FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA. INFORMANT BELIEVES [REDACTED] WILL BE  
 ACCOMPANIED BY A BODYGUARD. INFORMANT SPECULATE [REDACTED]  
 WILL REMAIN IN THIS AREA UNTIL AFTER UKA RALLY SCHEDULED  
 FOR JULY 3 AND 4, NEXT.

SECRET SERVICE AND INTC LOCALLY ADVISED.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>CHANGED</b> <b>NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. aka</b> <b>Association of Klans in America,</b> <b>Knights of the Ku Klux Klan - Georgia</b>		REPORT MADE BY SA <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>	TYPED BY :jlc
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The title is changed to reflect additional names used for NKKKK of Association of Klans in America and Knights of the Ku Klux Klan - Georgia.

REFERENCE: Report of SA  3/30/65, Atlanta.

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CINCINNATI

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

Will continue to follow and report organizing activities of NKKKK in Ohio.

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AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Will continue to follow and report activities of NKKKK.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

It is not clear at this time whether Knights of the Ku Klux Klan - Georgia, which appears an organization in which [ ] is interested, will eventually become an independent group. It appears very possible that NKKKK will either absorb KKKK - Georgia or vice versa. At the present time JAMES R. VENABLE and [ ] are working closely together in both groups. Until some move is

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made to make the organization definitely separate entities, they are being treated as one organization for reporting purposes although Atlanta maintains a separate file for KKKK - Georgia. Although a resolution was adopted to change the name of NKKKK to Association of Klans of America on 4/11/65, the name NKKKK has continued to be used by the organization; therefore, the title of this report continues to show the true name of NKKKK with Association of Klans of America as an alias name.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Chief  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
  - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

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Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
U. S. Secret Service, **Atlanta, Georgia (RM)**

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SA [REDACTED]

Office: Atlanta, Georgia

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## Title:

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

## Character:

RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

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## Synopsis:

Headquarters of National Knights of the Ku Klux klan, Inc., located in the Carl Garmon Building, Tucker, Georgia. NKKKK chartered in DeKalb County, Georgia, 11/1/63, as a patriotic, secret, social, and benevolent order. It is anti-Negro, anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic, and anti-foreign born. JAMES R. VENABLE is chairman of NKKKK, Inc. Units other than member klan organizations are located at Columbus, Ohio; Coushatta, Louisiana; Shreveport, Louisiana; and Atlanta, Georgia. Identities of officers set forth. Recruiting is underway in Ohio and a rally was held at Oregonia, Ohio, 5/28-31/65. New unit organized Atlanta, Georgia, 6/13/65, which included members of Vigilantes. Propaganda has included a plan to slow up Negro voting and a public letter to President JOHNSON. VENABLE and [REDACTED] presently working together to form a united klan group to be known as Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (Georgia) which appears to be a named used interchangeably with NKKKK and Association of Klans in America.

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DETAILS:

A characterization of National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., (NKKKK) is contained in the appendix of this report.

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## I. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

### A. HEADQUARTERS

Headquarters of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is located in the Carl Garmon Building, Idlewood Road and Lawrenceville Highway, Tucker, Georgia.

[REDACTED] June 25, 1965)

The post office box utilized by the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK) in Tucker, Georgia is 107.

[REDACTED] September 14, 1964)

### B. CHARTER INFORMATION

A meeting of the NKKKK was held at Tucker, Georgia September 6, 1964, at which JAMES R. VENABLE, chairman, announced to the group that he had incorporated the NKKKK and stated it is being operated as a separate klan organization the same as the other klans enjoying membership in the national group.

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[REDACTED] September 16, 1964)

The NKKKK was granted a charter in DeKalb County, Georgia, November 1, 1963, under the name National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.

### C. OBJECTIVES

The NKKKK was chartered as a patriotic, secret, social, and benevolent order. In December, 1963, the organization issued a statement of its program which indicated the organization to be anti-Negro, anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic, and anti-foreign born.

[REDACTED] December, 1963)



### D. NATIONAL AND STATE OFFICERS



On September 6, 1964, the following officers of the NKKKK were elected to serve for a period of one year effective that date:


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JAMES R. VENABLE Atlanta Chairman.




  September 16, 1964)

On January 24, 1965, at a meeting of the NKKKK  
at Tucker, Georgia,   
Winnsboro, Louisiana, was elected 

 January 25, 1965)

## II. KLAVERNS OR LOCAL CHAPTERS

At a meeting of the NKKKK held at Tucker, Georgia,  
on January 24, 1965,  from South Carolina said  
the organization must go into Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee,

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and Mississippi, and contact all klan groups in those states in an effort to induce them to affiliate with the NKKKK.

[redacted] January 25, 1965)

On October 7, 1964, the "Columbus Evening Dispatch," a newspaper of general circulation in the Columbus, Ohio area, contained an article stating that incorporation papers were granted to an Ohio Ku Klux Klan by Secretary of State TED W. BROWN.

On October 5, 1964, the office of TED W. BROWN, Secretary of State, Columbus, Ohio, certified a receipt of the Records of Incorporation and Miscellaneous Filings by [redacted] Grove City, Ohio on behalf of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Ohio, Inc. The place designated in the articles of incorporation as the principal office is Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio.

A klan group operating at Coushatta, Louisiana, of which [redacted] as a unit or klavern of the NKKKK. The geographical area covered by this group extends from the area surrounding Coushatta and the area of Longview, Texas.

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[redacted] July 7, 1964)

On September 22, 1964, a meeting of the Shreveport, Louisiana unit of the NKKKK was held at 6904 Southern Avenue, Shreveport, Louisiana and the following officers were chosen:

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[redacted] September 22, 1964)

On April 20, 1965, [redacted] stated he was going to Ohio on April 21, 1965, on a klan organizing

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trip. He will work with a [redacted] and they have arranged for him to have a television interview by a Cincinnati station. [redacted] was optimistic about his chances of organizing a klan group in Ohio. He identified [redacted] as the Ohio [redacted] of the NKKKK.

[redacted] April 20, 1965)

[redacted] visited [redacted] a self-admitted klan recruiter in the Cincinnati area, during the weekend of April 24, 1965. MORRIS and Mrs. WITTE were interviewed on Sunday, April 25, 1965, on Cincinnati television station WCPO. Mrs. WITTE admitted she has been a klan woman all of her life, and she and MORRIS stated during the interview there were no active klan groups in the Cincinnati area although a recruiting drive would shortly get underway and be led by Mrs. WITTE.

[redacted] April 29, 1965)

On February 17, 1965, the Shreveport unit consisted of sixteen members and [redacted] was the Exalted Cyclops of that unit.

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[redacted] February 17, 1965)

About May 24, 1965, Unit #3 of the NKKKK was organized at the Allen Mobile Home Trailer Park in Southeast Atlanta and the unit is going to rent trailer B-30 as its permanent headquarters. They have fifteen members.

[redacted] June 1, 1965)

On June 13, 1965, a meeting was held in a deserted area behind the rural home of [redacted] Barnesville, Georgia. Twenty-five persons were present and a naturalization for NKKKK was held. Six persons were naturalized, including two from Athens, Georgia who were brought there by [redacted] who was indicted in the murder of LEMUEL A. PENN. Three were from Cherokee County, Alabama, and one person from Barnesville, Georgia. [redacted]

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Cyclops. Also present were [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] of the NKKKK, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] are members of the Vigilantes, a characterization of which is included in the appendix, and other members of the Vigilantes were also present.

### III. ACTIVITY OF KLAVERNS

On January 23, 1965, a meeting of the NKKKK was held at the headquarters at Tucker, Georgia. This was an open meeting for the members of the organization and several women were present. The total attendance was about forty-two. The speakers were [REDACTED] and JAMES R. VENABLE, and their talks were concerned with America being swallowed up by subversives, criticism of President JOHNSON and necessity for the klan to increase its strength at the polls.

[REDACTED] January 25, 1965)

On January 24, 1965, a meeting of the NKKKK was held at Tucker, Georgia. This was a closed meeting for delegates only and about thirty-six persons were present. [REDACTED] from Louisiana asked whether the NKKKK had adopted bylaws since they were greatly needed. A statement was made during the meeting that VENABLE was supposed to have bylaws drawn up but has not done so. [REDACTED] of South Carolina said his group is getting along well,

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because it is secret and he would never allow anyone to inquire into the secrets of his organization.

[redacted] of Ohio, was present and requested literature concerning the klan stating he was a newcomer and knew very little about klan work. He said he is in favor of non-violence but at the same time feels the klan has a right to organize and be recognized as decent people.

VENABLE said he would get up some literature and bylaws and furnish to each of the delegates present.

[redacted] January 25, 1965)

On April 10 and 11, 1965, a two day meeting of the NKKKK was held at the headquarters in Tucker, Georgia. The meeting on April 10, 1965, was an open meeting and some people were present who were not klan members. Approximately forty-five to fifty persons attended. The meeting was presided over by VENABLE who was also the first speaker. He talked about the pending investigation of the Ku Klux Klan organizations by the House Committee on un-American Activities. He said he would furnish free legal advice to any klansman subpoenaed to testify before this Committee. VENABLE accused President JOHNSON of attempting to destroy the klan as well as all secret organizations and urged all white people to join together or the freedom of the American people will be destroyed. VENABLE denied the klan is a subversive organization but stated rather it is an organization for Christian Protestants.

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[redacted] of East Point, Georgia gave a speech concerning the history of the United States and details of various sections of the United States Constitution.

[redacted] spoke concerning the objectives of the klan and said it is based on the Constitution of the United States and preservation of the rights of the Caucasian race. The last speaker was an unknown preacher

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from Tennessee who represented Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., a characterization of which is included in the appendix of this report. This preacher made a fiery speech. He said there is only one answer to the klan's troubles today and that answer could best be described in the phrase "Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition." He said the time for talking has passed and the time for action is at hand.

The second session of the two day meeting was a closed meeting and called to order on April 11, 1965. During this session a resolution was unanimously adopted to change the name of the organization from National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., to Association of Klans in America.

VENABLE discussed the pending investigation by the House Committee on un-American Activities and said he would represent without fee any klansman subpoenaed. He said no klansman should take the Fifth Amendment in testifying and the best answer to some questions would be a poor memory. Delegates were present from Louisiana, Ohio, South Carolina, Florida, and U.S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., a characterization of which is included in the appendix of this report.

[redacted] April 12, 1965)

At the above described meeting on April 11, 1965, a committee consisting of [redacted] was appointed by VENABLE to contact [redacted] of United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, to determine his future plans and intentions and to determine if he will join in and cooperate with the NKKKK. This committee is to report the results of its efforts to the secretary who will in turn furnish the information to all member klan groups.

[redacted] April 13, 1965)



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A characterization of United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, is included in the appendix of this report.

The NKKKK of Ohio have a klan rally scheduled to take place on May 28, 29, and 30, 1965, on [redacted] at Oregonia, Ohio. Local klan members and members of the National States Rights Party and interested individuals have been requested to attend this rally to find out what the klan is about.

[redacted] May 20 and 24, 1965)

A characterization of the National States Rights Party is included in the appendix of this report.

On May 9, 1965, a meeting of the National States Rights Party was held at 224 Oak Street, Dayton, Ohio. [redacted] of the Dayton Unit, urged all members to attend the klan rally to be held at Oregonia, Ohio over the Decoration Day weekend.

[redacted] May 14, 1965)

As of May 26, 1965, the klan rally at Oregonia, Ohio for the weekend of May 28 - 31, 1965, was scheduled to take place at Oregonia, Ohio.

[redacted] May 26, 1965)

On May 28, 1965, [redacted] Warren County Sheriff's Office, Lebanon, Ohio, advised the rally was in progress, having started at 8:00 p.m. that date. As of 10:00 p.m. people were arriving. [redacted] noted that at approximately 4:00 p.m. one of the klan guards identified [redacted] shot a weapon twice into the air when it appeared that a reporter was going to trespass into the restricted klan area. [redacted] was arrested on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon. He resides at [redacted] Baltimore, Maryland, and is a student at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. On May 29, 1965, Sheriff BYRON K.

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KENNARD, Warren County Sheriff's Office, advised approximately 250 people attended the rally the night before with a large percentage of curiosity observers and newspaper reporters. Two wooden poles made into a large cross were burned at the rally site during the night of May 29, 1965.

During the evening of May 31, 1965, Sheriff KENNARD advised a second cross was burned and a small crowd was in attendance, exact number unknown.

Klan leaders in attendance at the rally considered the rally a success. Approximately 100 individuals filled out applications to join the Klan and a lot a money was collected as initiation dues from the individuals filling out the applications. During the rally VENABLE made two speeches attacking Communism in Government, Negroes, Jews, and President JOHNSON's policy regarding civil and voting rights of Negroes.

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[REDACTED] June 1, 1965)

On May 22, 1965, a meeting of the United Florida Ku Klux Klan, a member group of the NKKKK, was held at Keyville, Florida. A discussion was held among those present concerning setting up a radio communications system. Some members have mobile and base units.

[REDACTED] May 24, 1965)

A characterization of United Florida Ku Klux Klan is included in the appendix of this report.

On June 13, 1965, members of the NKKKK and the Association of Arkansas Klans of the Ku Klux Klan, a characterization of which is included in the appendix of this report met at the Kosy Kildare Kitchen about ten miles south of Bivins, Texas. The purpose of the meeting was to formulate plans for a cross burning and demonstration to be held on the evening of June 19, 1965, at Pine Bluff,

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Arkansas. The meeting was designated by the code name of "El Dorado Project." Plans were for two classes of people to attend. The first to be known and reliable members of the klan group who will be robed and unidentified and the second visitors, who are regarded as sympathizers, will be seated in a special place at the meeting.

[redacted] June 14, 1965)

The "Wilmington Morning News," a newspaper of general circularization, Wilmington, Delaware, in its issue of June 17, 1965, contained an article which stated that Imperial Wizard JAMES R. VENABLE of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan stated the klan is active in Delaware, and they plan a rally in the Wilmington, Delaware area within six weeks.

#### IV. FINANCES

On April 11, 1965, at a meeting of the NKKKK held at Tucker, Georgia, the treasurer's report was read, and those present were advised the organization has a total of \$180.44. There is no known bank account in the name of National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

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#### V. PUBLICATIONS AND PROPAGANDA

On January 23, 1965, at a meeting of the NKKKK at Tucker, Georgia [redacted] offered a plan to slow up Negro voting. He suggested the klan investigate the number of Negroes in each state who are on relief and also determine how many illegitimate children these people have. He said that in his opinion Negroes on relief with illegitimate children should not have the right to vote.

[redacted] January 25, 1965)

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At a meeting of the NKKKK on April 10, 1965, an unknown preacher from Tennessee representing Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, said the time for talking has passed and the time for action is at hand and violence is the only answer he can see to the klan's present problem.

[redacted] April 12, 1965)

On April 13, 1965, the regular weekly closed meeting of Klavern 1, Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, was held at Chattanooga, Tennessee. It was learned during this meeting that some members of that unit attended the above mentioned meeting at Tucker, Georgia, one of whom was [redacted] who in all probability was [redacted] referred to above who spoke at the meeting there on April 10, 1965. [redacted] has been committed to a mental institution on two or more occasions and his relatives have recently made efforts to have him recommitted.

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[redacted] April 14, 1965)

At the meeting of the NKKKK held on April 11, 1965, at Tucker, Georgia, [redacted] from Louisiana gave each person present a copy of a leaflet which [redacted] stated had been distributed by the klan in Louisiana. This leaflet is entitled "The Klans Answer to LYNDON JOHNSON." It reads as follows:

"On Friday, March 26, 1965, Lyndon Johnson, President of the United States, attacked one of the most patriotic organizations in this great land. He warned every Klansman to get out of the Ku Klux Klan and to join a 'decent' society for the Klan was going to be investigated and destroyed.

"Lyndon Johnson, we know that we are not a perfect organization. We have a few misfits just as surely as there has been a misfit recently elected President of the United States. We do not advocate murder in any form for any cause, yet you condemn an entire organization for the actions of a few and they have yet to be proven guilty.

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We do not condemn everyone in the Democratic Party for your actions, Lyndon Johnson.

"No, Lyndon, you are wrong about the Ku Klux Klan. You can no more destroy us than you can destroy the heavens or the oceans. Even with all your Ill-gotten and Ill-used Power, the Left Wing News Media, the N.A.A.C.P., C.O.R.E. and all of the other Communistic and Socialistic rabble rousers, we will survive. For while there is a flicker of life in one true Klansman, the Klan will never die.

"It is you, Lyndon Johnson, that has turned his back on the white people of this country, not the Ku Klux Klan. It is you, Lyndon Johnson, who should join a 'decent' society. It was you, Lyndon Johnson, that expressed shock and anger when an agitator was killed in Alabama. You even telephoned your sympathy to her family. Yet when a White Law Officer is murdered by Niggers in Mississippi you did not see fit to mention it or telephone his widow. Were you not shocked and angered by this, Lyndon? Where is your sense of 'decency'?

"So bring on your investigations, Lyndon. We have nothing to fear, for we know that ours is a just cause. Our fight is for Racial Integrity and Constitutional Government. Are we fighting for too much, Lyndon? The Klan will disband when every Communist and Integrationist is driven from our shores. We will fight with every means at our disposal, at the Ballot Box, in the Swamps, or in the Hills, if necessary, for we shall never surrender. THIS IS OUR ANSWER!"

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VI. MISCELLANEOUS

[redacted] has been working with JAMES R. VENABLE to form a new klan organization to be known as Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. This organization is, like NKKKK, an effort to bring various klan groups together under one leadership. [redacted] claims to have the secret second degree of klancraft entitled "Knights of the White Camellia" which he has offered to confer upon selected groups and individuals. At this time Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, which has not been chartered, appears to be working with NKKKK. Both names, as well as Association of Klans in America, are used interchangeably and are in fact the same organization.

[redacted] June 24, 1965)

On Sunday, April 4, 1965, a meeting for the purpose of organizing a new klan organization to be called Knights of the Ku Klux Klan was held at Tucker, Georgia at the headquarters of the NKKKK. [redacted] at the meeting and JAMES R. VENABLE was present. There was discussion concerning investigation by the House Committee on un-American Activities, and it was stated by someone present that United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, had brought on the investigation through the radical activities of some of its members. It was further brought out that it would be a good idea to infiltrate United Klans of America in order to learn about the organization and in an effort to attract some of the good men in the organization into the new klan group. It was explained that the new organization, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, will have a board made up of seventeen members which will be secret and whose identity will not be known to the general membership. [redacted] made the statement that the new Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is strictly a non-violent organization and will have nothing to do whatsoever with violence. He said the principals of the new organization will be to fight for white supremacy and the Constitution of the United States.

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[redacted] April 5, 1965)

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On April 11, 1965, the secret Imperial Board of Knights of the Ku Klux Klan held a meeting in the office of JAMES R. VENABLE at Tucker, Georgia. Present were JAMES R. VENABLE, [redacted]

[redacted] from Louisiana.

[redacted] April 12, 1965)

At a meeting of NKKKK held on April 11, 1965, a resolution was unanimously adopted to change the name of NKKKK to Association of Klans in America.

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VIGILANTES  
LAMAR COUNTY, GEORGIA

A source advised on July 28, 1964, a hate type organization had been formed in Lamar County, Georgia, known as the Vigilantes. Source advised the Vigilantes' leadership was composed of former Klansmen, some of whom had been arrested in Griffin, Georgia, on April 25, 1964, in possession of numerous firearms.

On April 25, 1964, five men subsequently identified as members of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, burned a cross in downtown Griffin, Georgia, and while the cross was being set up, weapons were pointed at persons standing on the street. These persons were arrested by the Griffin, Georgia Police Department.

Source advised the Vigilantes advocate the use of violence and are opposed to integration in any form. Source advises the leaders of the Vigilantes instruct members to purchase weapons and ammunition.

On September 3, 1964, source advised the Vigilantes, after substantial decrease in membership, advocated the approach that the Bible upholds their views on segregation. Source advised members meet in a church owned by the family of four of the members.



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DIXIE KLANS, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
(DIXIE KLANS, STATE OF GEORGIA)

A source advised in August, 1964, that Dixie Klans has no state organization in Georgia, but does have a few members who reside around Rossville, Georgia, and who attend meetings of the organization in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The source stated that the members of Dixie Klans who reside in Georgia are under the direct control and supervision of the headquarters of the organization located at 2523 Glass Street, East Chattanooga, Tennessee.

ASSOCIATION OF THE ARKANSAS KLANS  
OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (AAK)

A source advised on April 22, 1959, as follows: AAK was formed on April 21, 1959, at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, for the purpose of promoting white supremacy and segregation of the races but violence was disavowed. Leaders of AAK were previously members of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK). [redacted] of OKKKK for the State of Arkansas, was carried over as the Grand Dragon of the new organization, AAK. A source advised that on August 11, 1960, [redacted] disavowed violence. [redacted] source advised that on January 21, 1962, the new [redacted] disavowed violence. [redacted]

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[redacted] of the AAK. [redacted] source stated the ritual used by OKKKK is taken from the "Kloran" of the Association of South Carolina Klans of the Ku Klux Klan (ASCK). Regarding the ASCK, the following is noted: A source advised on September 24, 1956, that the ASCK was organized in the Fall of 1955 and is patterned after the Association of Carolina Klans (ACK). The source stated the ASCK is a new organization and not a rebirth of the ACK, although all high-ranking officials of the ASCK had been members of the ACK. The announced purposes of this organization are to promote white supremacy and to combat integration of races; however, the use of violence is disavowed.

A source advised on September 2, 1950, that the ACK was composed of groups formerly members of the Association of Georgia Klans (AGK), and although the ACK severed all connections with the AGK on November 14, 1949, the ideals, purposes and policies of the two organizations remained identical. The ACK became defunct after convictions and imprisonment of its highest official and other members in 1952.

The AGK has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Atlanta, Georgia  
June 30, 1965

Title	NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
Character	RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN
Reference	Report of SA [REDACTED] dated June 30, 1965, at Atlanta, Georgia, captioned as above.

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RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

On June 26, 1965, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following information to a representative of the FBI:

A secret Klan initiation ceremony is scheduled to take place Sunday, June 27, 1965, at 12:00 Noon in a barn located on the farm of [redacted] Oregonia, Ohio. The purpose of the initiation rites is to officially induct new members into the Klan organization.

James A. Venable, Imperial Wizard, from Tucker, Georgia, of above Klan will be leader of initiation ceremony. [redacted] number two man in command of same Klan, is also expected to participate in the induction rites. Source was of opinion that no more than 100 individuals would attend ceremony to be inducted.

The Warren County Sheriff's Office, Lebanon, Ohio, and the Ohio State Highway Patrol were advised and alerted in connection with above information.

On June 28, 1965, above confidential source advised as follows:

Approximately 50 - 60 automobiles were observed parked in the nearby vicinity of [redacted] farm during PM of June 27, 1965. Source said approximately 75 - 100 individuals were probably inducted into the Klan this date. The induction rites were very secret, being closed to the public and all news media. James A. Venable and [redacted] over the ceremony.

A characterization of the NKKKK, Inc., and the NKKKK of Ohio, Inc., is attached hereto.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Cincinnati, Ohio  
June 29, 1965

Title: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

Character: RACIAL MATTERS

Reference: Letterhead memorandum dated  
and captioned as above

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

DATE: 7/12/65

FROM : *wjt* SAC, CINCINNATI (157-245) (P)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
RACIAL MATTERS

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Re Bureau letter to Cincinnati, 6/24/65.

*PH* On 7/6/65, contact was again had with [redacted]  
[redacted] Community Consultant, Anti-Defamation League of the  
B'nai B'rith, 82 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio, concerning  
the identity of [redacted]

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[redacted] stated he does not have "the slightest idea"  
as to the identity of [redacted] and remarked that reports from this  
source emanate from the Atlanta Office of the Anti-Defamation  
League. He said it is his understanding that information  
furnished to the Atlanta Office comes through a third party  
and he is not certain whether the Atlanta Office actually  
knows the identity of [redacted]

At this time it is not possible to identify [redacted]  
through the Columbus Resident Agency of the Cincinnati Division.

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SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
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Re Little Rock airtel to Bureau, 7/3/65, captioned  
"ASSOCIATION OF ARKANSAS KLANS OF KU KLUX KLAN, RM," Bufile  
157-92, Little Rock file 157-15.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of a letter-  
head memorandum which is self-explanatory. One copy each  
has been furnished to ICG and Secret Service, New Orleans,  
~~and to the U. S. Attorney, Shreveport.~~

Two copies each furnished Dallas, Jackson, and  
Little Rock as Klansmen invited from those areas to attend  
Klan rally in Louisiana July 17, 1965. Two copies furnished  
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AT BENTON, LOUISIANA

Advise Sheriff's Office of proposed rally described in letterhead memorandum.

AT SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

Advise local ICG Agent and Troop G, Louisiana State Police.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

New Orleans, Louisiana  
July 9, 1965

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF  
THE KU KLUX KLAN  
(LOUISIANA)

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A confidential source has advised that a road site Klan rally will be held Saturday night, July 17, 1965, U. S. Highway 80, approximately seven miles east of Kelley's Truck Stop, Bossier City, Louisiana, on the north side of the road. A twenty foot cross will be burned along with twenty small crosses and thirty torches. Some Klansmen will be riding horses covered with sheets.

Speakers are to be James ~~Venable~~, National head of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK); [redacted], Klan leaders from Coushatta, Louisiana; a minister from Monroe, Louisiana, who recently spoke at a Klan rally in Arkansas; and a judge who spoke at the Citizen Council rally at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on July 4, 1965.

Three television stations in Shreveport are to be notified in advance of the meeting so that they may take photographs. The meeting will be opened to the public. They have invited and expect a large gathering from Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, and east Texas.

A characterization of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is attached hereto.

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TO DIRECTOR AND SPRINGFIELD

FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-4960)

FLOWERS TO BE SENT TO ADLAI STEVENSON FUNERAL BY SHREVEPORT,  
LOUISIANA KLAVERN OF NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN.RM.

RE NEW ORLEANS TEL AND AIRTEL TO BUREAU AND SPRINGFIELD  
JULY FIFTEEN SIXTYFIVE.

[REDACTED] ADVISED ON JULY SIXTEEN SIXTYFIVE FLOWERS  
WERE NOT SENT BY CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION. HE STATED [REDACTED]  
WHO WAS TO SEND FLOWERS SAID HE DID NOT GET AROUND TO SENDING  
FLOWERS AS HE WAS NOT SURE WHERE TO SEND THEM.

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RACIAL MATTERS

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Re Cincinnati airtel dated 6/3/65 captioned,  
"PROPOSED ACTIVITIES BY NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX  
KLAN UPON MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S VISIT TO ANTIOCH  
COLLEGE, YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO, JUNE 19, 1965; RM."

No information was obtained by the Memphis  
Office through informants and sources relative to any  
interest by Klan type organizations in the visit of  
KING to Antioch College.

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FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-4960) (C)

SUBJECT: FLOWERS TO BE SENT TO ADLAI STEVENSON  
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Re New Orleans teletype to Bureau and  
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of a letterhead memo which is self-explanatory.

Enclosed for Springfield are two copies  
of a letterhead memo which is self-explanatory.

ICG and Secret Service are being advised.

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FLOWERS TO BE SENT TO  
ADLAI STEVENSON BY  
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA  
KLAVERN OF NATIONAL KNIGHTS  
OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on July 16, 1965 that the flowers which the Shreveport, Louisiana Klavern of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan had intended to send to the funeral of former U. S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Adlai Stevenson, were not sent. [redacted] was supposed to have sent the flowers, but he did not get around to sending them as he was not sure whether to send the flowers to Washington, D. C. or to Illinois.

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The source stated there are no further plans to send flowers to Mr. Stevenson's funeral.

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FLOWERS TO BE SENT TO ADLAI STEVENSON FUNERAL  
BY SHREVEPORT, LA., KLAVERN OF NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, RM.

[REDACTED] ADVISED ON JULY FIFTEEN,  
SIXTYFIVE [REDACTED] AN OFFICIAL OF THE SHREVEPORT,  
LA., KLAVERN OF THE NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN,  
STATED THAT DATE THAT TEN DOLLARS WAS BEING WITHDRAWN  
FROM THE KLAN TREASURY. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] THIS  
MONEY WAS TO BE TO SEND FLOWERS TO THE FUNERAL OF ADLAI  
STEVENSON. THE CARD ATTACHED TO THE FLOWERS WILL READ  
"ONE LESS" AND WILL BE SIGNED "KKK". [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAD NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS MATTER OR  
WHETHER FLOWERS WILL BE SENT TO WASHINGTON, D. C.,  
OR ILLINOIS. NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS INDICATE FUNERAL  
SERVICES MAY BE HELD BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS, JULY  
NINETEEN, SIXTYFIVE.

LHM FOLLOWS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-NEW)

SUBJECT: ~~FLOWERS TO BE SENT TO ADLAI STEVENSON~~  
FUNERAL BY SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA KLAVERN  
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RACIAL MATTERS

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a LHM which is self-explanatory.

Also enclosed for Springfield are two copies of the same LHM.

The confidential source mentioned in the above LHM is



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FLOWERS TO BE SENT TO ADLAI STEVENSON  
FUNERAL BY SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA KLAVERN  
OF NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on July 15, 1965, that \$10.00 was reportedly withdrawn from the treasury of the Shreveport, Louisiana Klavern of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. This money is to be used on July 15, 1965, to send flowers to the funeral of Adlai Stevenson, United States Ambassador to the United Nations. The card which will be attached to the flowers will read, "One Less" and will be signed KKK.

A characterization of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is attached.

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3:55 AM CST URGENT 7-18-65 WSW

TO DIRECTOR

FROM NEW ORLEANS /157-4963/

CHANGED. NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KKK, RALLEY BOSSIER PARISH,

SEVEN SEVENTEEN SIXTYFIVE. RM.

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TITLE CHANGED HAVING PREVIOUSLY BEEN CARRIED AS

④ NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN.

RE NO AIRTEL TO BUREAU SEVEN NINE SIXTYFIVE.

CAPTIONED RALLY HELD FROM EIGHT TWENTYTWO PM CST UNTIL  
NINE TEN PM CST SEVEN SEVENTEEN SIXTYVIE SEVEN MILES EAST

BOSSIER CITY, LA., ON NORTH SIDE U.S. HIGHWAY EIGHTY. SPEAKERS  
STAND LOCATED ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY YARDS FROM HIGHWAY IN PLAIN  
VIEW OF HIGHWAY. VEHICLES PARKED NEAR SPEAKERS STAND. THREE

CROSSES BURNED AND TORCH LIGHT PARADE OF ABOUT THIRTY FIVE  
ROBED KLANSMEN NOTED. SPECTATORS NUMBERED ABOUT THREE

HUNDRED AND FIFTY, INCLUDING MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

JAMES VENABLE, TUCKER, GEORGA FEATURED SPEAKER SPOKE  
FROM EIGHT TWENTY TWO PM UNTIL EIGHT FIFTY FIVE PM EMPHASING  
KLAN HISTORY, DISLIKE OF PRESENT POLITICAL SITUATION, NEGRO

INFERIORTY AND URGED SEGREGATION. A SECOND ROBED UNIDENTIFIED

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SPEAKER ATTEMPTED TO ENLIST NEW MEMBERS AND DONATIONS.

ENTRANCE TO RALLY GUARDED BY: ROBED KLANSMEN AREMD WITH SHOT GUNS.  
NO INCIDENTS. LOCAL TELEVISION AND NEWS MEDIA PRESENT.

RALLY ENDED NINE TEN PM.

ICG AND SS BEING ADVISED .

LHM FOLLOWS.

END AND ACK PLS

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## REFERENCES:

New Orleans report of SA [REDACTED]  
3/31/65.

Atlanta report of SA [REDACTED] 6/30/65.

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LEADSDALLAS DIVISIONAT DALLAS, TEXAS

Will, through contact with appropriate source, ascertain if General EDWIN WALKER attended or spoke at the Klan meeting at Bivins, Texas, on 6/13/65. [REDACTED] reported WALKER was scheduled to be the speaker.)

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NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

AT SHREVEPORT AND COUSHATTA, LOUISIANA

Will continue to investigate and report activities of NKKKK and, through contacts with informants and sources, determine identities of additional leaders, active members, those members prone to violence and members in possession of weapons and explosives.

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

Will continue to follow and report pertinent activity of the NKKKK in Louisiana.

Information copies of this report are being designated for Birmingham, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Jackson, Jacksonville, Knoxville, Little Rock, Mobile, Savannah and Tampa, inasmuch as the NKKKK has member Klan groups within those divisions or by location should receive the information reported herein.

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**INFORMANTS:**

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**LOCATION OF INFORMATION**

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]  
Date: July 27, 1965

Office: NEW ORLEANS

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Title: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

Character: RACIAL MATTERS KLAN

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**Synopsis:**

Activity of NKKKK centered in Northwest Louisiana at Shreveport and Coushatta. [REDACTED] identified as Klan [REDACTED] at Shreveport and [REDACTED] identified as Klan [REDACTED] Coushatta. Shreveport unit of Klan attempting to locate property to use as meeting place. No indication above Klan leaders attended NKKKK meeting at Tucker, Georgia, 4/10-11/65. Information reported as to dates of Klan meetings. One meeting held in upstairs jury room of (Red River) Parish Courthouse; meeting called by [REDACTED] and attended by Klansmen from Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas.

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**DETAILS:**

**AT SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA**

**IDENTITIES OF LEADERS IN LOUISIANA  
AND CONNECTION WITH NATIONAL ORGANIZATION**

On April 6, 1965, [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] had visited [REDACTED] on Southern Avenue in Shreveport that day about 10:30 AM.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED]

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On April 6, 1965, observation of the Pick N'ick Store, 6904 Southern Avenue, Shreveport, operated by [redacted], revealed a white Comet, bearing 1964-1965 Louisiana license [redacted] parked in front of the store. This car was observed between 11:00 AM and 11:15 AM. It was unoccupied. At 11:20 AM, this car was gone.

On April 7, 1965, [redacted] Troop G, Louisiana State Police, Bossier City, advised 1964-1965 Louisiana license [redacted] is registered to [redacted] Coushatta, Louisiana, for a 1961 Comet 4-door.

[redacted] on April 21, 1965, advised that [redacted] is [redacted] of the Shreveport Klavern, but is not referred to as the Exalted Cyclops.

[redacted] advised that, on March 31, 1965, [redacted] talked with [redacted] about getting into [redacted] Klan unit. [redacted] told [redacted] he would have to be investigated and go before the board. [redacted] learned [redacted] it would take a week or 10 days before [redacted] would know if he was accepted.

[redacted] stated that during a meeting of the Shreveport unit of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan on April 6, 1965 [redacted] was voted into that unit, but did not have to pay an initiation fee because he formerly had been a Klan member. [redacted] related that at this same meeting [redacted] said they had not been charging dues, but might have to start because of expenses.

[redacted] reported that [redacted] was considering forming a new Klavern, using five new men to be brought in by [redacted] and four new ones to be brought in by [redacted]

[redacted] advised on March 25, 1965 that at a meeting of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK) on March 23, 1965 three new members were sworn in and that all three wore hoods and robes part of the time. [redacted] was in charge of the meeting and took part in the swearing in of the new members. [redacted] appointed the following committees:

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Swearing in Committee

[redacted]

Meeting Place and Land Committee

[redacted]

According to [redacted] the purpose of the Meeting Place and Land Committee was to look for a place to buy and use as a meeting place. They also are to locate a place to hold large meetings 400 to 600 men, as they want to have a meeting near Jonesboro, Louisiana, and have members from Arkansas, East Texas and East Louisiana. There are no definite plans for this meeting as yet however.

[redacted] said that [redacted] stated robes would be made by [redacted] at a cost of \$10.00 each.

[redacted] stated on April 6, 1965 that [redacted] agreed that in the future new members for the Shreveport group will be sworn in at Shreveport instead of having to go to Coushatta, Louisiana, and that the \$10.00 initiation fee will remain with the Shreveport Unit. The charge for robes would be \$10.00 and dues would be \$2.00 every three months.

[redacted] advised that during a meeting of the NKKKK on April 6, 1965 there was some discussion about the fact that the United Klan, another Klan organization, had contacted a man named [redacted] in Coushatta, Louisiana, concerning the possibility of joining forces. [redacted] is supposed to be the head of the NKKKK in the Shreveport-Coushatta area and possibly the entire State of Louisiana.

[redacted] related that there was some discussion at this meeting regarding [redacted], who was present at this and the former meeting. [redacted] formerly was the head of the National Organization for Whites, which allegedly is now inactive.

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According to [ ] there was no Klan literature, membership book or membership list at this meeting.

[ ] stated that at the meeting of April 6, 1965 it was agreed that this meeting and future meetings would be known as meetings of the National Organization for Whites (NOW), this being to avoid the group being known as the Klan. [ ] said he felt that under these circumstances the membership should pay dues to NOW, but this apparently was not accepted by anyone.

[ ] advised the NKKKK would hold a meeting at Tucker, Georgia, on April 10-11, 1965.

[ ] on April 7, 1965, advised that neither [ ] Klan [ ] in Shreveport, Louisiana, or [ ] in Coushatta, Louisiana, would attend the meeting of the NKKKK in Tucker, Georgia, on April 10-11, 1965. [ ] knew of no one from Louisiana who would attend this meeting.

[ ] advised that a national meeting of the NKKKK was held at the Carl Garmon Building, Tucker, Georgia, on April 10-11, 1965.

The closed meeting of the NKKKK limited to delegates to the national meeting, came to order in the hall at 9:18 AM, April 11, 1965.

WALTER BAILEY<sup>u</sup> raised his hand and stated that he was there at the special invitation of JAMES R. VENABLE to discuss the proposed investigation of the Klan organizations. [ ] presiding, asked BAILEY if it was his desire to again become a member of the NKKKK and he said no. BAILEY was excluded from the meeting and VENABLE asked BAILEY to wait for him in his office.

A committee, consisting of [ ] was appointed by JAMES R. VENABLE to contact [ ] United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA) to determine his future plans and intentions and to determine if he will join in and cooperate with the NKKKK. This committee is to report the results of its efforts to the secretary who will in turn furnish the information to all member Klan groups.

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✓ [redacted] stated they had all agreed on the name of National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., for their group and that JAMES VENABLE had subsequently incorporated a separate Klan group under this name. [redacted] suggested a new name be decided on for this organization which no one would take and incorporate. JAMES R. VENABLE made a motion that the name of the organization be changed to Associated Klans in America (AKIA). (It is noted the initials AKIA have been used in the past among Klansmen to identify themselves to one another and it stands for "A Klansman I AM".)

Committees were set up and chairmen designated, with the chairmen to select their own committee members. One of these was the Educational Committee with (First Name Unknown [redacted] Louisiana, [redacted] possibly [redacted]

Among the delegates in attendance and Klans represented was the Original Klans of Louisiana [redacted] Winnshoro; (First Name Unknown [redacted] (possibly [redacted] and one unidentified man.

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[redacted] advised that on the evening of April 10, 1965, the first session of a two-day meeting of the NKKKK was held at the Organization's Headquarters, the Carl Garmon Building in Tucker, Georgia. This was an open meeting and there were persons present who were not Klan members. There were between forty-five and fifty persons present, including several women.

Among those present at this session of the two-day meeting were [redacted] Winnsobor, Louisiana, and (First Name Unknown [redacted] Louisiana.

[redacted] of Louisiana presided and [redacted]

Louisiana had three delegates at the meeting. These were [redacted] (First Name Unknown) [redacted] and an unknown white male described as about [redacted] years old, tall thin with ruddy complexion.

[redacted] from Louisiana gave each person present at the meeting a copy of a leaflet which [redacted] stated had been distributed by the Klan in Louisiana. This leaflet is entitled "The Klans Answer to Lyndon Johnson".

[redacted] advised that at a meeting of the NKKKK in Shreveport on April 6, 1965 one topic of discussion was the possible reorganization under the leadership of [redacted] of Alabama. [redacted] further stated that [redacted] informed there was to be a meeting in Tucker, Georgia, on April 10-11, 1965, to be attended by top men, at which time the possibility of joining with [redacted] would be further discussed. [redacted] said there would be three men coming to Shreveport and Coushatta to help with the reorganization. [redacted] also stated that [redacted] of Coushatta, Louisiana, would not attend the meeting in Georgia because he had been sick.

[redacted] advised that on April 11, 1965 The Secret Imperial Board of Knights of the Ku Klux Klan held a short meeting in the offices of JAMES R. VENABLE at Tucker, Georgia, late in the afternoon of April 11, 1965. Present were JAMES R. VENABLE, [redacted]

[redacted] from Winnsboro, Louisiana, (First Name Unknown) [redacted] from Louisiana, described as an employee of the [redacted] of the State of Louisiana, also described as over six feet tall, about [redacted] years old, weighing about 230 pounds and an unidentified man from Louisiana, described as a white male, about 38 years old, tall, thin, with a ruddy complexion.

(First Name Unknown) [redacted] said that the Klan would have to get some way to raise money. All present agreed to a plan proposed by [redacted] in which each member would be asked to pledge \$10.00 per month for one year. It was also agreed that donations from Klan sympathizers would be solicited.

[redacted] advised there was a meeting of the NKKKK at Coushatta, Louisiana, on Sunday, April 25, 1965. The meeting was held in an upstairs jury room in the (Red River) Parish Courthouse. It was supposed to start

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at 2:30 PM, but did not actually start until about 3:00 PM and it lasted about an hour and a half. There were 24 persons present, representing Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana.

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[redacted] also stated that some of those present were as follows:



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[redacted] and the man believed to be name [redacted] came to the meeting together.

[redacted] was in charge of the meeting. The main topic of discussion was the three grades in the Klan, which they described as similar to the Masons. Members attain these grades, or steps, through length of service and duties performed. It was mentioned that the old members will take the second step or obligation, at the next meeting. This will cost them \$15.00 each.

[redacted] also said they want all members, regardless of how long they have been members, to pay \$10.00 per month, if they are financially able. Their aim is to get 1,000 men to pay \$10.00 per month for one year. [redacted] said this money is to go into a fund to pay expenses, but he did not elaborate further.

It was also discussed that they will have an organizer in each Congressional District. Each state is to have 12 men who will be on the Board of Directors.

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It was agreed there will be a meeting every month, at a different location each time. The next meeting will probably be held in Bossier City, Louisiana, to be arranged by [redacted]. No specific location was mentioned, although [redacted] said they may try to get [redacted] barn in Haughton, Louisiana, near Bossier City.

At the next meeting there will be an election for a Grand Dragon for each of the three states, Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana.

[redacted] said he had talked to [redacted] the United Klan regarding [redacted] merging his group with the NKKKK, but [redacted] declined. [redacted] made no mention of any plans for National Knights to merge with United Klans.

There was some discussion about continuing efforts to locate at least 20 acres of land near Shreveport for a future meeting.

[redacted] said he is building a new home in Coushatta. There was talk about getting a new meeting place in Coushatta and they talked about possibly getting back the old house in the country southeast of town where they used to meet.

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The men from Texas and Arkansas talked about how [redacted] of Shreveport had obtained \$243.40 from their group at Bivins, Texas, about a year and a half ago. [redacted] had called what he referred to as a "national emergency meeting" and collected the money. They have not been able to get any of it back since then.

On June 9, 1965, [redacted] reported that [redacted] of Coushatta and [redacted] of Shreveport stated that there was to be a Klan meeting on June 13, 1965 at Scott's Restaurant at Bivins, Texas. The meeting was scheduled for 2:00 PM and [redacted] was to be the speaker. The heads of the Klaverns from Louisiana, East Texas and Arkansas and Mississippi were to be invited.

[redacted] advised that on the afternoon of June 13, 1965 members, consisting principally of NKKKK and Association of Arkansas Klans (AAK) of the Ku Klux Klan, met at the Kosy Kildare Kitchen, which is [redacted] of the Klavern of the AAK

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some 10 miles south of Bivins, Texas.

Some 22 Klan members were present from Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas. The meeting was conducted by [redacted] of the AAK in the absence of the Grand Dragon of this organization.

The purpose of this meeting was to formulate plans for a meeting, cross-burning and demonstration to be held on the evening of June 19, 1965, at Pine Bluff, Arkansas. This meeting is to congregate some 1½ miles south of Pine Bluff in an open field or pasture which has been leased from a private individual for this purpose. The meeting was proposed to be a brief one, lasting no longer than 45 minutes and beginning at about 8:00 PM or when it is actually dark. No other activities are planned other than the cross-burning and having a speaker, who has not yet been identified or obtained.

The following were identified as being present at this meeting:

Shreveport, Louisiana

[redacted]

[redacted] other unidentified persons

Coushatta, Louisiana

[redacted]

[redacted] other unidentified persons

The meeting is being designated by the code name of the "El Dorado Project" in order not to call attention to the fact that the gathering is to be at Pine Bluff. The password for those attending the meeting will be "Arkla" and the response to this password will be "Tex".

Two classes of people are to attend the meeting:

Known and reliable members of the Klan groups who will all be robed and unidentified;

Visitors who are regarded as sympathizers and who will be seated in a segregated or special place at the meeting.



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Armed guards are to be posted on the road leading to the meeting place and all persons attending the meeting will be identified and vouched for by guards and parties at the place of access. Any strangers regarded as unsympathetic attempting to attend the meeting, such as Federal Bureau of Investigation Agents or peace officers, or others, are to be detained until they are identified and decision made as to what is to be done about them. No explanation or description was given as to just how this detention will take place and whether or not force will be used.

All Klan members as indicated were to come to the meeting attired in robes and are not to speak to one another during the course of the meeting. A number of visitors regarded as sympathizers are expected to attend from Hamburg, Arkansas. It was also indicated that many additional robes will be taken to Pine Bluff and these might be draped upon sticks of some sort to give the impression that there are more Klan people attending the meeting than actually come.

Klan members from Shreveport also stated during the meeting of June 13, 1965, that they desired a similar demonstration in Louisiana in the near future. The place and time was not designated. They desire to have the support of all Klan groups such as are going to attend the demonstration at Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

By their expression, the members from Coushatta, Louisiana, were regarded as being very militant in their attitude and were heard to make statements that if any Negroes attempt to disrupt the meeting, "it would be just too bad", which was understood to mean that they would take direct and possibly violent action, even by firearms, if necessary.

[redacted] of the Association of Arkansas Klans of the Ku Klux Klan, stated during the course of the meeting that he would attempt to contact some one on Channel 12, T.V., Shreveport, Louisiana, for publicity. Other members present, however, were somewhat opposed to this idea and desired secrecy and security rather than publicity.

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[redacted] advised on April 14, 1965 that [redacted] of Shreveport Klavern of NKKKK, stated that there is to be a Klan meeting in Karnack, Texas, sometime in May, to be held on property owned by a Klansman and that this meeting has been cleared with the local police.

[redacted] stated that he understands the meeting is being organized by the NKKKK from Coushatta, Louisiana, but there will probably be persons from other Klan groups in east Texas present. [redacted] stated [redacted] indicated Karnack was selected as the location of the meeting as a slap at the Federal Administration because Mrs. LYNDON JOHNSON comes from that area.

[redacted] advised on May 5, 1965 that [redacted] had remarked to someone that, due to the lack of cooperation, plans were dropped by the Coushatta Unit for the above-mentioned meeting in Karnack, Texas.

[redacted] advised there was to be a meeting of some Arkansas Klansmen with [redacted] at Coushatta, Louisiana, on April 25, 1965, but the purpose of the meeting was not known.

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[redacted] advised that a Klan meeting was held at the Red River Parish Courthouse in Coushatta, Louisiana. There were about 23 Klansmen present. This meeting was called by [redacted] of Coushatta. Some of those present were:

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The Louisiana men were some from the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and some were from the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK).

[redacted] who is associated with JAMES VENABLE of Atlanta, Georgia, presided at the meeting in Coushatta. He stated an elite group of Klansmen from the various Klaverns are to join to form what will be known as the Knights of the White Camelia. Those joining this group will remain members of their own organizations such as the NKKKK, OKKKK or the AAK, but will also become Klansmen of the "Second Degree", in that they will also belong to the higher and more security minded group known as the Knights of the White Camelia.

The purpose of this latter organization will be to provide an overall leadership and coordinating body for the various Klan groups; to arrange mass meetings where various groups will participate and to provide funds for attorney fees for Klansmen accused of crimes. Dues to the Knights of the White Camelia will be \$10.00 per month and is to be headed by JAMES VENABLE of Atlanta, Georgia.

6. One [redacted] was named by [redacted] as the only person qualified to induct persons into the Knights of the White Camelia and [redacted] was not present. Another such meeting will be necessary therefore with [redacted] present, before the necessary ceremonies can be held to induct members. One Klansman present suggested that the Knights of the White Camelia organize mass rallies of 10,000 robed and hooded Klansmen and suggested such a rally be held at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, on June 5, 1965.

What appeared to be local law enforcement officers at Coushatta, Louisiana, were directing arriving Klansmen to the meeting in the court room of the parish courthouse.

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#### MEETINGS

[ ] advised on various dates from March 23, 1965 to June 25, 1965, that the following closed meetings of the Shreveport Unit of the NKKKK were held on the dates indicated:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Date Received</u>
3/23/65	[ ] [ ] Shreveport, Louisiana	18	3/25/65
3/31/65	"	Unknown	4/1/65
4/6/65	"	15	4/8/65
4/20/65	"	12	4/21/65
4/27/65	"	15	4/30/65
5/11/65	"	12	5/14/65
6/24/65	"	12	6/25/65

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#### MEETING PLACE

[ ] advised that [ ] member of NKKKK, Shreveport, Louisiana, who is an iron worker and who lives in Greenwood, Louisiana, owns 40 acres of land and is contemplating moving a house onto this land for possible use as a Klan meeting place. [ ] also indicated [ ] had remarked there is a man named [ ] who works for the telephone company [ ]

On April 9, 1965, [ ] advised that [ ] in Shreveport, Louisiana, employs a man named [ ] who is [ ] responsible for the [ ] at Barksdale AFB, Louisiana, and maintains an office on the base. [ ] has about 18 years of service with the [ ] is hard-working and well thought of. He owns a farm at Greenwood, Louisiana, and [ ] lives on the [ ] Shreveport. [ ] said he has no knowledge [ ] is or

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has been connected with any questionable organization.

[ ] advised that during a meeting of the NKKKK in Shreveport on April 6, 1965 [ ] related he thought that his telephone was tapped, but that meetings would still be held at his residence. There was some discussion of finding another meeting place. [ ] said he had 40 acres of land out in the country and was considering getting a house moved onto the property so it could be used as a meeting place. [ ] thought he might get a house from Federal Housing Administration for [ ]

[ ] also related that [ ] said [ ] wants to have a meeting on a highway near Bossier City, Louisiana, within three weeks. [ ] had said it was to be within five miles of Bossier City, but that if the meeting were held in Bossier City limits consent for it could be obtained from the police department.

#### ACTIVITY

[ ] on March 27, 1965, reported of learning that [ ] told [ ] that the whole State of Louisiana and surrounding states would be criss-crossed with crosses on March 27, 1965. [ ] was said to have indicated that they were planning a big roadside meeting sometime soon, but no date was set.

[ ] was also overheard to say he was telling all their men they would be questioned by the FBI and were to make no comment whatsoever.

Further information was received from [ ] to the effect that, during a meeting of the NKKKK in Shreveport on April 6, 1965, there was some discussion about contacting the Klan in Bogalusa, Louisiana, and possibly sending some men to Bogalusa. [ ] opposed this and the matter was dropped. Informant further related that after this meeting [ ] stayed behind. These men, according to informant, are the ones generally active in cross burnings.

[ ] furnished the following information:

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[redacted] advised that during a meeting of the Shreveport Unit on April 20, 1965 [redacted] said [redacted] and two other men from Jonesboro, Louisiana, had been to see him about sending men to Jonesboro to observe. It was decided that [redacted] [redacted] could go to Jonesboro on April 21, 1965 and meet [redacted]. It was related that there was some indication that Negroes there were carrying switchblade knives. The above three men were not to carry any guns, just observe and stay out of trouble. There was some discussion about putting out some literature telling the white people to wake up.

Information was reported by [redacted] that a meeting of the Klan was held on April 25, 1965 in an upstairs jury room of the (Red River) Parish Courthouse, Coushatta, Louisiana. [redacted] was overheard to say that sometime ago his group had burned three crosses and had used two men each time, adding that [redacted] had gone to burn a cross, but [redacted] got scared before it was burned and had to be let out of the car.

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It was reported by [redacted] on April 28, 1965 that at a meeting of the Shreveport Unit of the NKKKK on April 27, 1965 there was a discussion of a meeting coming up at Little Rock, Arkansas.

[redacted] indicated they planned to attend. There was some talk at this meeting about a Lutheran Minister and how he was preaching to Negroes. Some felt they ought to burn a cross for the minister, but no plans were made in this regard. During the meeting, [redacted] explained how one could take a fish line and attach firecrackers to it so they go off one at a time. He explained how this could be used to harass the Negroes.

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[ ] advised that during a meeting of the Shreveport Unit on May 11, 1965 [ ] the Klan [ ] in Shreveport, had stated they wanted to get some literature printed and distributed saying something about saving the white citizens and which would be signed "KKK".

Information was reported by [ ] on June 25, 1965 that during a meeting of the Shreveport and Bossier City Units on June 24, 1965, with about twelve persons in attendance, the following took place:

Most of the time at the meeting was spent in discussing a roadside Klan meeting at 8:30 PM, on July 17, 1965, on the north side of U.S. Highway 80, about eight miles east of Bossier City, Louisiana, and between Bossier City and Minden, Louisiana. There is to be one twenty foot high cross burned, twenty smaller crosses, and thirty torches. A torch is made by nailing a stake to a two pound coffee can, placing a roll of toilet tissue in the can, pouring kerosene on the tissue and pouring off the excess. A torch made this way will burn for about one hour.

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It was decided that [ ] would arrive at the place at 5:00 PM, with the necessary supplies. [ ] is to arrange for loudspeakers [ ] is to arrange to have gravel placed in the area for a road and parking of cars. [ ] is also to arrange for some horses and for sheets for the horses. [ ] is to run an electric wire into the area.

There was a discussion as to what speakers would be invited. [ ] of Coushatta, Louisiana, is to be invited to speak, along with [ ] of Coushatta. An out of state Klan leader will also be invited to speak. It was announced that all three television stations at Shreveport, Louisiana, would be notified of the meeting and would be allowed to come to the meeting and take photographs, and conduct interviews. The meeting will be open to the public.

[redacted] mentioned [redacted], a Negro who lives at [redacted] Bossier City, Louisiana, who is alleged to have offered a white woman five dollars to have sexual intercourse with him. [redacted] also mentioned this matter and said the trial [redacted] comes up at Bossier City on July 1, 1965. No decision was made as to what would be done about [redacted]

[redacted] reported they had discovered the Black Muslim leader in this area, who was identified as [redacted] Shreveport. They said [redacted] drives a 1963 Ford, brown in color, with Louisiana license [redacted]

ALLEGED POSSESSION OF WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES

[redacted] furnished information on February 17, 1965 regarding a cellar in a large open field located on [redacted] and said the Klan [redacted]

On April 2, 1965, SA [redacted] and S [redacted] contacted [redacted] Negro male, residing in a house on the above-described land near the gate. [redacted] stated this property is [redacted] an elderly man living in Coushatta, who is in poor physical condition, and that [redacted] has a [redacted], who lives on the [redacted] a short distance north of this property, take care of the barn and the cows in this field. He further advised that a [redacted] in Coushatta, owns the property adjoining [redacted] property on the east.

[redacted] further advised that the barn on the property had been blown down during a wind storm about a week before. He advised that [redacted] usually came out to feed the cattle at about 5:00 PM.

On April 2, 1965, SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] examined the property and the area on the property described by [redacted] as where the cellar was located. It was observed that the barn was no longer standing, but that there was a small building still standing next to the barn, in which was stored hay. A corral was adjacent to the small building and there were some 20 cows grazing in the open field outside the corral. A thorough search of the area described by [redacted] failed to reveal any cellar or other place in which

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items described by [ ] might be stored.

[ ] advised on February 18, 1965 that [ ] a Klansman from Center, Texas, traveled to Zowle, Louisiana, for the alleged purpose of showing [ ] [ ] was supposed to take four machine guns to Shreveport and turn them over to a Texaco truck driver.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [ ]

AT SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

On April 20, 1965, [ ]

[ ] Texaco, Inc., 419 Edwards Street, P.O. Box 1737, advised his records indicate Truck Number 72107 is a 1½ ton International truck, which operates out of their Shreveport District, but is used in the Bethany Field, located in Panola County, Texas, just across the state line from Bethany, Louisiana. This is a "gang" truck and is used by at least three or four different persons, whose names he does not know. The truck is kept in a fenced yard at their office located some three to five miles east of Panola, Texas, on U.S. Highway 79. This yard is locked at night, and the truck is not used at night.

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[ ] stated he did not believe the truck had the number 72107 painted on it, but that it probably had a Texaco insignia painted on it. He noted that when gasoline purchases are made for their trucks, the truck number is placed on the gasoline invoices. [ ] advised that, insofar as he knows, this particular truck has not been used in Shreveport. He stated he would try to develop more specific information as to who might have been driving the truck on or about February 18, 1965.

On April 21, 1965, [ ] stated he had made some inquiry about the personnel who might drive this truck, but had been unable to determine this to date, as it involved checking with several different departments of the company. He stated in the event he is able to develop more specific information in this regard, he will advise the FBI. [ ] was asked if he had received any information indicating any company employees in the Bethany Field area who were involved in Klan activities, and he stated he had not.

[ ] on June 25, 1965, reported of learning that at a combined meeting of the Shreveport and Bossier City, Louisiana, Klaverns of the NKKKK [ ] exhibited a shotgun shell of 00 Buckshot, which shell was in a brass case. The shell case had the letters "USMC" stamped on the edge of the firing pin end. [ ] was reported to have said he had several rounds of this ammunition and would be willing to trade some of it for handgrenades.

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[ ] advised on March 25, 1965 that, during a meeting on March 23, 1965, [ ] said that [ ] had been contacted by the FBI. [ ] further advised that [ ] had invited the FBI Agent to his office. [ ] said the Agent never did convince him [ ] that he was violating any Federal law. He thought it was best to be nice and see what the FBI wanted.

[ ] then said the FBI is not stupid and that they should not talk to them. [ ] then issued the order that no one was to answer any questions asked by FBI Agents.

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[ ] advised that, during a regular meeting of the NKKKK on March 30, 1965, [ ] stated [ ] was resigning from the Klan, apparently because he is afraid of jeopardizing his job at the United States Post Office.

[ ] advised on April 6, 1965 that [ ] of NKKKK, Coushatta, Louisiana, had on same date discussed proposed plan of harassment of FBI Agents as a result of recent FBI interviews of Klansmen. [ ] stated [ ] commented that both the Klan and the FBI feared publicity and that if Klan can get unfavorable publicity about the FBI published first, the Klan will get the upper hand. [ ] stated [ ] remarked the Klan cannot expect sympathy from the newspaper in Coushatta, but that two Shreveport newspapers, not further identified, are sympathetic to the Klan.

[ ] stated [ ] did not elaborate on steps to be taken to harass the FBI, except that they should find out as much as they can about local Agents in the Shreveport area by going into their office and their homes and trying to develop information about Agents that would embarrass them if publicized.

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[ ] stated [ ] also advised the Klan was going underground with 90% underground and 10% above ground. [ ] further advised that the meeting of the Shreveport Unit of NKKKK held April 6, 1965, the topic of interview of Klansmen by FBI was discussed and it was generally agreed that the Klan should ignore harassment by FBI, that if interviewed, they should not become angry, but should not give out information and should not permit Agents into their homes if their wives are home.

[ ] advised it was agreed at this meeting that there would be no Klan literature or anything else to identify it as a Klan meeting and that this meeting and future meetings would be considered meetings of NOW. [ ] noted that [ ] of NOW was present at this meeting.

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[ ] advised that, during the course of the Shreveport Unit meeting on April 6, 1965, [ ] recommended a [ ] for the Klan if one were ever needed.

[ ] reported, on April 7, 1965, that [ ] was driving a streamlined type white Chevrolet pickup truck, bearing Louisiana license [ ]. The truck had red letters on both bumpers which read "60 volts" and it contained a State Police radio.

APPENDIX

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UNITED KLANS)

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, show that this Klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961, at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U.S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute and United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy and segregation of the races.

[redacted] source and [redacted] source advised in July, 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401, The Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The organization is [redacted] and is the dominant Klan group in the South with units in several southern states.

On August 14, 1961, [redacted] source advised that the organization formerly known as United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., would be known in the future as United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. [redacted] source said the name was changed by a resolution adopted at the National Klonvocation held July 8, 1961, at Indian Springs, Georgia.

[redacted] source advised that at a meeting at Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, a majority of the Klaverns of the U.S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

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UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.  
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[ ] source advised that at a national meeting on November 11-12, 1961, United Klans of America, Inc. (UK) was invited to meet with NKKKK and it was agreed they would meet together, but there was no talk of consolidation.

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[ ] source further advised that as of the national meeting on May 5-6, 1962, no national fund, headquarters or secretary had been established and no plans had apparently been made to do so. A temporary chairman and acting secretary were to be appointed for each meeting. The name "Majority Citizens League" was not being used in connection with meetings.

## A P P E N D I X

### ASSOCIATIONS OF ARKANSAS KLANS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (AAK)

A source advised on April 22, 1959, as follows:

AAK was formed on April 21, 1959, at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, for the purpose of promoting white supremacy and segregation of the races, but violence was disavowed. Leaders of the AAK were previously members of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK) [redacted] of OKKKK for the State of Arkansas, was carried over as the Grand Dragon of the new organization, AAK.

A source advised that on August 11, 1960, [redacted] disavowed violence. [redacted] source advised in January, 1963, that the new [redacted] disavowed violence and that [redacted] is the Legal Counselor of the AAK. [redacted] source stated the ritual used by OKKKK is taken from the "Kloran" of the Association of South Carolina Klans of the Ku Klux Klan (ASCK).

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Regarding the ASCK, the following is noted:

A source advised on September 24, 1956, that the ASCK was organized in the fall of 1955 and is patterned after the Association of Carolina Klans (ACK). The source stated the ASCK is a new organization and not a re-birth of the ACK, although all high-ranking officials of the ASCK had been members of the ACK. The announced purposes of this organization are to promote white supremacy and to combat integration of races; however, the use of violence is disavowed.

A source advised on September 2, 1950, that the ACK was composed of groups formerly members of the Association of Georgia Klans (AGK), and although the ACK severed all connections with the AGK on November 14, 1949, the ideals, purposes and policies of the two organizations remained identical. The ACK became defunct after conviction and imprisonment of its highest official and other members in 1952.

The AGK has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
(LOUISIANA)  
(OKKKK)

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A source advised on October 25, 1963, that in December, 1960, a group was organized at Shreveport, Louisiana, known as the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK). The purpose of this organization was to promote Americanism, white supremacy, and the maintaining of segregation.

This source further advised on October 25, 1963, that the OKKKK continues to be active and that the aims and purposes continue to be the same.

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Title	NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
Character	RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)
Reference	New Orleans report of SA(A) [redacted] dated July 27, 1965 and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

[redacted] with whom insufficient contact has been had to determine reliability.

[redacted] whose information could not be substantiated by investigation and therefore appears to be unreliable.

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Rerep of SA  dated 7/27/65 at  
New Orleans.

As the result of a review of referenced report at the Bureau, the following instructions and guidance are being set forth.

Page 15, the last paragraph contained a statement to the effect that the following data was furnished by . The first sentence on page 16 indicated that this information was furnished by . You should immediately advise the Bureau of necessary corrections. In addition, you should furnish the Bureau an appropriate characterization in form of appendix pages for each Klan organization mentioned in the details.

The following corrections should be made in your copies only. Page 1 (FD-204), title should be corrected to read NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. Page 3, paragraph 3, line 6, the word "does" should be corrected to read "dues."

For future guidance, full use should be made of subcaptions in the details of your reports, following a logical order. Organizational reports must, of course, include specific information, when available, pertaining to structure, location of headquarters, objectives, identification of national and state officers, as well as klavern leaders, membership picture, recruiting and finances. These items should not be considered all inclusive, but should be used as a guide in preparing a format for future report writing.

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Letter to SAC, New Orleans  
RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN  
157-168

NOTE:

While New Orleans report contained sufficient data concerning the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan for the past three months, the format utilized leaves much to be desired and instructions and guidance are being furnished that office.

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TO SAC'S CINCINNATI  
CLEVELAND

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

RECITEL AUGUST TEN LAST CAPTIONED

RECIPIENT OFFICES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY DETERMINE LOCATION  
OF UNKNOWN QUANTITY OF DYNAMITE REPORTEDLY LOCATED AT  
HOME OR AT CARROLLTON, OHIO, AND THROUGH  
PROPER AUTHORITIES MAKE SUITABLE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ITS UNACCESS-  
IBILITY. THE ORIGINAL SOURCE AND INTENDED USE OF DYNAMITE  
MUST BE DETERMINED. CINCINNATI SHOULD OBTAIN FULL FACTS SUR-  
ROUNDING ARREST OF FOR ARMED ROBBERY AND  
CONSIDER POSSIBILITY THAT DYNAMITE WAS INTENDED TO BE USED  
IN CARRYING OUT ROBBERY. OF PRIMARY CONCERN IS THE PURPOSE  
OF HAVING FIVE STICKS OF DYNAMITE IN ABANDONED CAR.  
INTERVIEWS OF ALL ALLEGED KLANSMEN INVOLVED, INCLUDING  
SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME.

1 - ATLANTA (AIRMAIL) (ENCLOSURE)

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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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TELETYPE TO CINCINNATI  
CLEVELAND

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

157-168

THE IMPORTANCE OF RUNNING THIS MATTER DOWN PROMPTLY AND THOROUGHLY CANNOT BE OVERESTIMATED AND THE BUREAU MUST BE KEPT CURRENTLY ADVISED. CLOSE LIAISON WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SHOULD CONTINUE. FUTURE CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD INCLUDE SUITABLE CHARACTERIZATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS AFFILIATED WITH THE KLAN. BACKGROUND AND CURRENT ACTIVITIES OF WITTE, INCLUDING COMMENTS AS TO HER STABILITY SHOULD BE FURNISHED.

CINCINNATI ADVISE WHETHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES HAVE ADVISED [REDACTED] OF ALLEGED THREAT. IF NOT, HE SHOULD BE APPROPRIATELY ADVISED. COPY SENT ATLANTA AIR MAIL WITH COPY OF REFERENCED TELETYPE IN ORDER THAT ATLANTA CAN ADVISE LOCAL AUTHORITIES REGARDING THREAT TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., AND KLAN OFFICIAL [REDACTED]

Note;

[REDACTED] alleged Klan members, are currently in custody of Columbus, Ohio, Police Department for armed robbery. [REDACTED] reportedly stated at one time that he planned to dynamite NAACP headquarters at Columbus. Unknown quantity of dynamite reportedly located at [REDACTED] home or on [REDACTED] farm. According to a police informant one [REDACTED] wrote a letter to [REDACTED] offering \$25,000 to kill Martin Luther King, [REDACTED] (Klan official), and [REDACTED]. This letter along with Klan material reportedly located in [REDACTED] house trailer. Cincinnati and Cleveland should follow closely. U.S. Secret Service Protective Research Section advised of threat to President 8/10/65, Teletype utilized as last radio contact missed.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

*The President of U.S.*

AUG 12 1965

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Date: 8/6/65

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-2986)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
~~KU KLUX KLAN~~  
 (SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA)  
 RM

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Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum.

Enclosed also are two copies of photograph of the two instruments referred to in the letterhead memorandum.

The Ku Klux Klan meeting at which this was discussed was on July 22, 1965, at the Pick Nick Store, Shreveport, Louisiana, and the information was furnished by [redacted] who obtained one each of the instruments, also furnished the photographs which are enclosed.

Copies of the letterhead memorandum sent to ICG, Secret Service, ONI, OSI, and the U. S. Attorney, Shreveport, Louisiana.

BYO-7 1 cc of LHM, 8/12/65: BB, BH, CE, CI, DL, JN, JK, KX, LR, ME, MM, MO, RH, SY, TP  
 "ADVISE AGENTS & LOCALS"

"ENCLOSURE ATTACHED"

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 3 - New Orleans  
 1 - (157-2986)

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BY: RCB: zjk

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Approved: 51 AUG 20 1965  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

New Orleans, Louisiana  
August 6, 1965

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN  
(SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA)

A confidential informant has furnished the following information:

During a recent meeting of the Ku Klux Klan in Shreveport, Louisiana, some of the members exhibited approximately twenty sets of the following described tools or weapons:

10 inch auger type drill with 3½" cross bar handle, machined to a very sharp point.

3 inch auger type instrument with 2½" cross bar handle, machined to a very sharp point.

The longer drill was said to be for use in puncturing tires and car radiators. The shorter instrument to be used for "close in" fighting and especially to move anyone out of the way.

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ENCLOSURE TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

ENCLOSURE FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-2086)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (SHREVEPORT,  
LOUISIANA)

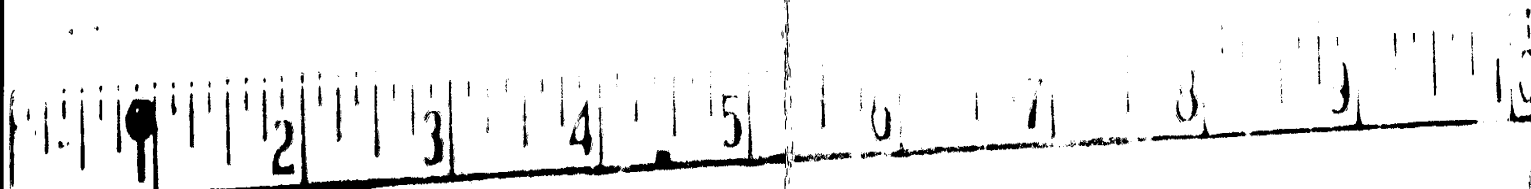
THE ENCLOSURES: photographs of two instruments used by NKK.



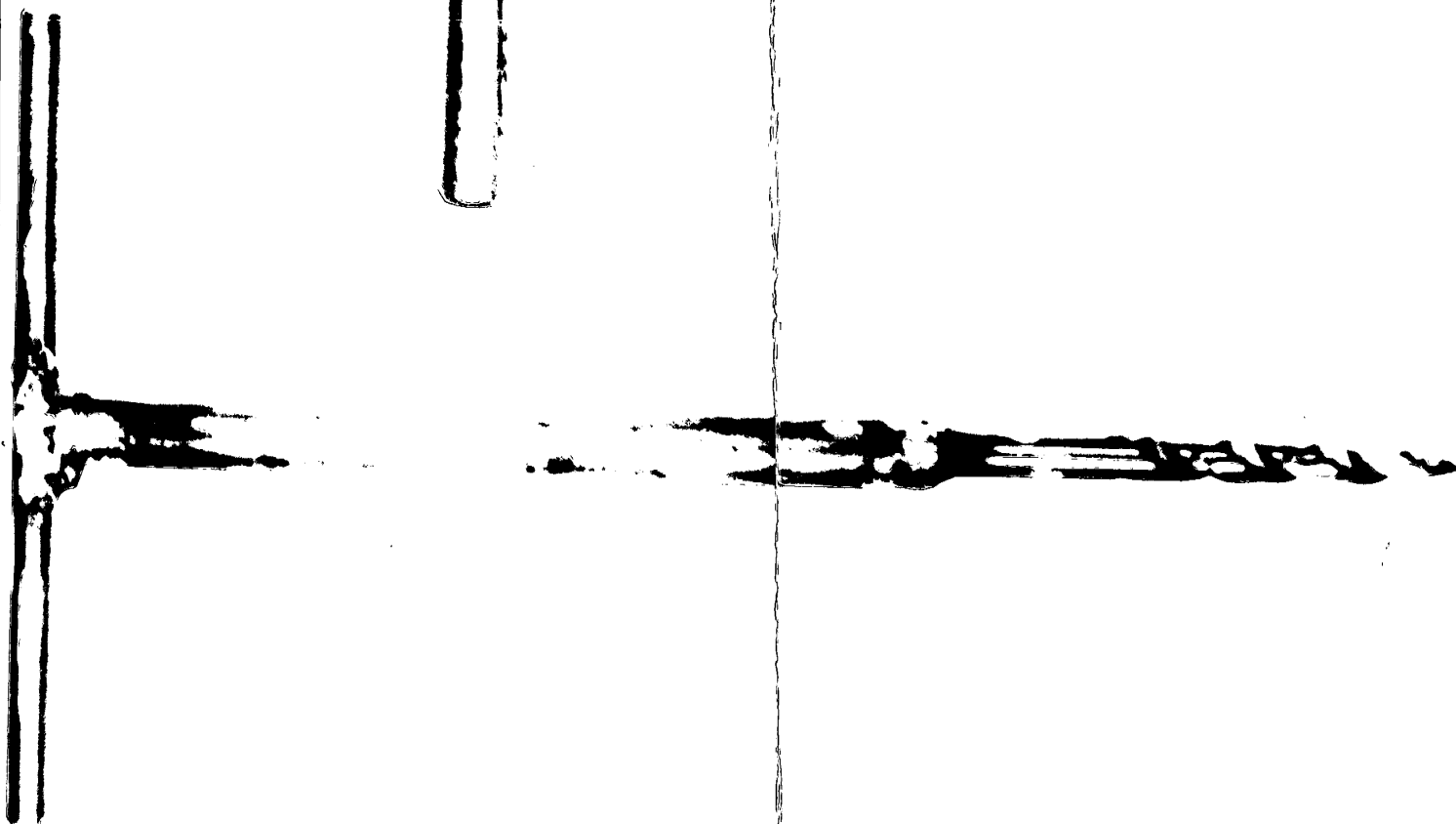
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RE: **NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN  
RACIAL MATTERS**

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[redacted]  
alleged klansmen, are in custody of the Columbus, Ohio,  
Police Department having been charged with armed robbery.  
[redacted] abandoned car, which was recovered after the  
robbery on August 6, 1965, contained five sticks of dynamite.  
According to a source of the Columbus Police Department,  
[redacted] had previously stated that he planned to dynamite  
the headquarters of the National Association for the  
Advancement of Colored People in Columbus. In addition,  
there is reportedly an unknown quantity of dynamite stored  
on a farm owned by [redacted] in Carrollton, Ohio.

This same police source alleged that [redacted]  
a Klan sympathizer, wrote a letter to [redacted] offering \$25,000  
to kill "in the following order" Martin Luther King, Jr.,  
[redacted] a Klan official, [redacted] and  
President Lyndon B. Johnson. Subsequent investigation  
determined that this letter was actually a statement written  
by [redacted] pertaining to conversation with [redacted] and  
which commented on how he, [redacted] would assassinate  
President Johnson and Vice President Humphrey.

United States Secret Service and Army Intelligence  
Corps in Columbus have been advised of the above information.  
You will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

A characterization of the National Knights of the  
Ku Klux Klan appears in the appendix attached hereto.

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nor its contents are to be distributed outside the agency to  
which loaned.

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Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclosure**

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-60) (P)

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
RM - KLAN

DATE: 8/16/65

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Enclosed for the Bureau are 5 copies of an LHM and for Birmingham, Mobile and Savannah 2 copies each of an LHM pertaining to a meeting of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan at Centre, Ala., 8/7/65.

The source utilized is [redacted] Anti-Defamation League, 41 Exchange Place, N. E., Atlanta, Ga.

The source advised that the following license plates were observed at the rally:

Alabama

15-4056  
75-1354  
13-3440  
13-5313  
13-4556  
13-3357  
13-2440  
13-5177

South Carolina



Georgia



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Mobile and Savannah are requested to identify the license numbers for Alabama and South Carolina

- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 5) (RM)  
2 - Birmingham (Enc. 2) (RM)  
2 - Mobile (Enc. 2) (RM)  
2 - Savannah (Enc. 2) (RM)  
2 - Atlanta

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AGENCY: ACSI, ONI, OSI, SEC SER

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Atlanta, Georgia  
August 16, 1965

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RALLY OF NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF  
THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.,  
CENTRE, ALABAMA  
August 7, 1965

On August 9, 1965, a source, which has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a rally sponsored by the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., was held at Centre, Alabama.

A characterization of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., is attached hereto.

A source stated there were about 200 people at the rally. He stated that among those attending were [redacted] and his companion [redacted] (Last Name Unknown). The source stated JAMES R. VENABLE, Chairman of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, attended and when he left Centre, Alabama, went to Knoxville, Tennessee. There were several speakers at the rally whose names source did not know.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W.C. Sullivan

DATE: 8/13/65

FROM : F.J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN  
RACIAL MATTERS

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Bland  
1 - Mr. Baumgardner

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Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

A New Orleans racial informant who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that during a recent Klan meeting in Shreveport, Louisiana, some members of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan exhibited two types of auger drills. The drills, which were approximately ten inches and three inches in length, were machined to a very sharp point at one end, with a crossbar handle at the other end. According to the source, the longer drill was said to be used for puncturing tires and car radiators and the shorter instrument for "close in fighting."

While no mention was made to the effect that these instruments would be utilized to harass our Agents, we certainly should consider such a possibility. There have been numerous instances in the past of the Klan discussing harassment tactics including a threat to inflict bodily harm. All appropriate offices have been previously alerted to the various Klan tactics. These same offices have been advised of this latest Klan weapon so that Agents handling this type of investigation may take the appropriate precautions. The Department, Secret Service, and Military Intelligence Agencies have been furnished the above information. Appropriate local authorities are being advised.

ACTION: None. For your information.

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Mr. W.C. Sullivan

8/13/68

F.J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. Baumgardner

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN  
RACIAL MATTERS



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A New Orleans racial informant who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that during a recent Klan meeting in Shreveport, Louisiana, some members of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan exhibited two types of sugar drills. The drills, which were approximately ten inches and three inches in length, were machined to a very sharp point at one end, with a crowbar handle at the other end. According to the source, the longer drill was said to be used for puncturing tires and car radiators and the shorter instrument for "close in fighting."

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ACTION: None. For your information.

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FBI

Date: 8/4/65

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-4963)CHANGED  
NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KKK  
RALLY BOSSIER, PARISH, LA.  
7/17/65  
RMALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 8-19-88 BY SP8 JF/SLC

Re New Orleans tel to Director, 7/18/65.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 8 copies  
of LHM concerning captioned matter.ICG, and Secret Service, New Orleans, also  
being furnished copies of above captioned LHM for their  
information.3-Bureau (Encl. 8) (RM)  
2-New Orleans  
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AGENCY: ACSI, ONI, OSI, SEC SER  
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DATE FORW: 8-12-65

HOW FORW: [Signature]

BY: [Signature]

C.C. - Wick

Approved: [Signature]

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57 AUG 20 1965

Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
August 4, 1965

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DATE 8-19-88 BY SP8 JBT

National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan  
Rally, Bossier Parish, Louisiana,  
7/17/65

The above captioned rally was held from 8:22 PM, until 9:10 PM, July 17, 1965, seven miles East of Bossier City, Louisiana, on the North side of U. S. Highway 80. The speakers stand was located 150 yards from the Highway in plain view of the highway. Vehicle parked near the speakers stand. Three cross were burned and a torch light parade of about 35 robed Klansmen was noted. Spectators numbered about 350, including men, women and children.

James Venable, Tucker, Georgia, was the featured speaker, and spoke from 8:22 PM until 8:55 PM, ~~emphasizing~~ EMPHASIZING Klan history, dislike of present political situation, Negro inferiority, and urged segregation. A second robed unidentified speaker attempted to enlist new members and donations.

The entrance to the rally was guarded by robed Klansmen armed with shot guns. No incidents were noted. Local television and news media were present at this rally. The rally ended at 9:10 PM.

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FBI CLEVELAND

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Mr. Tolson	_____
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Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

3-10 PM EDST URGENT 8-14-65 BD

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DATE 8-19-88 BY SP8

TO DIRECTOR (157-168) AND CINCINNATI  
FROM CLEVELAND (100-10261)

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN. RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN).

RE BUREAU TEL TO CINCINNATI AND CLEVELAND, AUGUST TWENTY,  
LAST CINCINNATI TEL TO CLEVELAND, AUGUST FOURTEEN, INSTANT,  
CLEVELAND TELEPHONE CALL TO CINCINNATI, AUGUST FOURTEEN,  
INSTANT.

ON AUGUST FOURTEEN, INSTANT, FARM, INCLUDING RESIDENCE  
AND OUT BUILDINGS, OF [REDACTED] CARROLLTON, OHIO  
SEARCHED BY SHERIFF DEAN YEAGER AND BUREAU AGENT WITH WRITTEN  
AND ORAL PERMISSION OF [REDACTED] FURNISHED TO SHERIFF  
YEAGER, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
MALVERN, OHIO, INTERVIEWED AND DISPLAYED COOPERATIVE  
ATTITUDE, AND INDICATED [REDACTED] ACCOMPANIED BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (LNU), CAME TO [REDACTED] FARM

THREE WEEKS AGO AND SPENT SATURDAY NIGHT AND ALL DAY SUNDAY

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cc Baumgardner

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ON FARM. [REDACTED] STATES DURING PERIOD OF TIME THESE TWO INDIVIDUALS VISITED HIM HE WAS WITH THEM EXCEPT FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE AND ONE HALF HOUR WHILE THEY WERE DRINKING BEER. [REDACTED] AND TENNYSON [REDACTED] INDICATED THEY WERE AWARE DYNAMITE INVOLVED IN ARRES OF [REDACTED] AT COLUMBUS, OHIO, ON ARMED ROBBERY CHARGES AFTER RECEIPT OF A PHONE CALL FROM [REDACTED] ON AUGUST SEVEN, LAST. THIS INFORMATION TELEPHONICALLY FURNISHED COLUMBUS RESIDENT AGENCY THIS DATE, WHO ADVISED ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DEVELOPED CONCERNING UNKNOWN QUANTITY OF DYNAMITE POSSIBLY STORED ON [REDACTED] FARM WILL <sup>BE IMMEDIATELY</sup> ~~BE IMMEDIATELY~~ FURNISHED CLEVELAND DIVISION AND PROMPT ACTION WILL BE <sup>TAKEN</sup> ~~TAKEN~~.

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CORRECTION PAGE ONE PARAGRAPH TWO LINE SEVEN WORD SIX SHOULD BE COOPERATIVE

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OR IS IT MATTERS KLANX KLAN

IT IS SUPPOSED TO BE RACIAL MATTERS- (KLAN)

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☐ AIRGRAM ☐ CABLEGRAM ☐ RADIO ☒ TELETYPE

3:34 PM EST URGENT 8-13-65 DMG  
 TO DIRECTOR AND CLEVELAND  
 FROM CINCINNATI 130655

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 DATE 8-11-88 BY SP8 JLB/STB

RACIAL MATTER  
 NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN. RM (KLAN)

RE BUREAU TELETYPE

REBUTEL AUGUST 12, LAST AND CINCINNATI TELEPHONE  
 CALL TO CLEVELAND AUGUST 13, LAST.

[REDACTED] ADVISED OF THREAT TO HIS  
 LIFE BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES TODAY.

INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED] TODAY DISCLOSED  
 DYNAMITE CAME FROM UNKNOWN TOWN IN GEORGIA, MID-JULY,  
 LAST AND TRANSPORTED TO OHIO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INDICATED PURPOSE TO INTIMIDATE NEGRO  
 GROUPS

[REDACTED] INFORMANT, [REDACTED] DESCRIBED  
 LOCATION OF CACHE OF DYNAMITE ON [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CARROLLTON OHIO AND LOCATION OF FOUR STICKS OF  
 DYNAMITE AT COON HUNTERS CLUB DARBYDALE, OHIO.

DYNAMITE AT CARROLLTON STORED IN LARGE METAL MILK  
 CAN IN OUTBUILDING NEAR [REDACTED]

FOUR STICKS OF DYNAMITE LOCATED NIGHT OF AUGUST 13,  
 LAST BY BUREAU AGENTS AND COLUMBUS PD AT COON HUNTERS CLUB.  
 DYNAMITE FASTENED TOGETHER, FUSED AND CAPPED IN FORM OF  
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SIGNED STATEMENT BEING OBTAINED FROM [REDACTED]  
 INSTANT.

AUSA COLUMBUS, OHIO TENTATIVELY AUTHORIZED PROSECUTION  
 OF [REDACTED] FOR THREAT AGAINST LIFE OF PRESIDENT FOR

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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SECRET SERVICE AND <sup>IS</sup> EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN ALL ASPECTS  
 IN THIS MATTER.

INVESTIGATION BEING VIGOROUSLY PURSUED AND BUREAU WILL  
 BE KEPT ADVISED.

RECEIVED: 4:53 AM 8-14-65 CJC

cc. Mr. Sullivan  
 Mr. Rosen

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RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN  
RACIAL MATTERS

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Reference is made to memorandum captioned as  
above and dated August 13, 1965.

On August 13, 1965, [redacted] who with  
[redacted] is in custody of the Columbus, Ohio, Police  
Department having been charged with robbery, stated that a  
cache of dynamite is located on the farm owned by [redacted]  
of [redacted] in Carrollton, Ohio. Dynamite is supposedly stored  
in a milk can. In addition, four sticks of dynamite were  
alleged to be located at Coon Hunters Club, Darbydale, Ohio.

Four sticks of dynamite fastened together, fused  
and capped, were located at the Coon Hunters Club on  
August 13, 1965. The dynamite was neutralized by United States  
Army Ordnance. Dynamite was to intimidate Negro groups.

On August 14, 1965, a search of the farm and out-  
buildings of [redacted]  
Carrollton, Ohio, failed to reveal any dynamite. [redacted]

[redacted] both of whom  
were cooperative, advised [redacted] accompanied by a  
young male named [redacted] visited the [redacted]  
approximately three weeks ago for a period of two days.

United States Secret Service and Army Intelligence  
Corps in Columbus, have been advised of the above information.

A characterization of the National Knights of the  
Ku Klux Klan appears in the appendix attached hereto.

This is loaned to you by the FBI, and neither it  
nor its contents are to be distributed outside the agency to  
which loaned.

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## Domestic Intelligence Division

## INFORMATIVE NOTE

8/14/65

Date

[redacted] who reportedly associates with Klansmen are in custody Columbus, Ohio, Police Department, for armed robbery. Dynamite found in [redacted] car time of robbery [redacted] previously wrote a statement in which he advised own plans to assassinate the President and Vice President. Secret Service in Columbus has statement. Cincinnati previously instructed to run down source and purpose of dynamite since possible violation. Department has been advised of previous information as well as data in this teletype. [redacted] Secret Service, advised.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-193)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC., aka  
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)  
(OO:AT)

DATE: 8/16/65

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Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies and for Atlanta two copies of LHM concerning obtaining by the above organization of a Certificate of Authority to do business in North Carolina. Investigation set out therein was conducted by SA [redacted]

There are also enclosed for the Bureau two copies and for Atlanta one copy of papers filed with the Secretary of State of North Carolina, as described in the LHM.

Copies of LHM being disseminated locally to Secret Service and military intelligence.

Charlotte has to date very little information as to any activities of this group in North Carolina or the reason for its being chartered at this time. Information along these lines is being sought from informants and sources.

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Klan Group Unit

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AGENCY: ACSI, ONI, OSI, SEC SER  
DEPT ISD, CRD

DATE FORW: 8-23-65

HOW FORW: [redacted]

BY: [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Charlotte, North Carolina  
August 16, 1965

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

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DATE 8-19-88 BY SP8 J. J. [signature]

[redacted] On August 3, 1965, [redacted]  
[redacted] State of North Carolina, furnished the following  
information:

Approximately one week prior to July 29, 1965, a  
white male, who identified himself as [redacted]  
North Carolina, and another white male, who may have had a  
first name or last name of [redacted] came to the Secretary of  
State's office with a letter from JAMES B. VENABLE, which  
authorized [redacted] to do business as the National Knights  
of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. [redacted] had a copy of the Charter of  
the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.

[redacted] advised he gave [redacted] the necessary  
"Application for Certificate of Authority," which would  
allow BROWN to conduct business in the State of North  
Carolina for the National Knights.

On July 29, 1965, [redacted] stated [redacted] returned with  
the completed "Application for Certificate of Authority" and  
a check in the amount of \$45 which was drawn on an out-of-  
state bank, name not recalled, and probably signed by JAMES  
VENABLE. The \$45 costs cover the cost for the Certificate  
to do business in the State of North Carolina. [redacted] advised  
[redacted] that he [redacted] did not have any money involved in  
setting up the National Knights but VENABLE was putting up  
the necessary money.

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[redacted] stated that by letter dated July 29, 1965, Secretary of State THAD EURE advised [redacted] North Carolina, that the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. had authority to do business in the State of North Carolina. He advised the records of his office contained no additional pertinent information except copies of "Application for Certificate of Authority," filed July 29, 1965, 11:54 a.m., by THAD EURE, Secretary of State, North Carolina; a copy of the petition to charter The National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. in DeKalb County, Georgia, as filed by [redacted] for the Petitioners; and a copy of the Certificate of Incorporation of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., November 1, 1963, in the State of Georgia.

[redacted] stated in the future no reports or correspondence is likely to be received from the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. and all reports will be forwarded to the Corporate Income and Franchise Tax Division, North Carolina Department of Revenue, Raleigh, North Carolina.

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On August 3, 1965, [redacted] Corporate Income and Franchise Tax Division, North Carolina Department of Revenue, advised that yearly tax returns on Form C-301 are required to be filed with his division by July 31, 1965, and if not done, a penalty based on length of time delinquent is added to the tax. He stated the tax on captioned group will be \$10 yearly inasmuch as this group is claiming to be a non-profit (group) organization and attempts to influence public opinion. He said as of that date no Form C-301 had been filed.

He stated that normally his office receives a list of corporations who have authority to do business in the State of North Carolina from the Secretary of State's office but as of that date they had not received the name of the captioned group. [redacted] said inasmuch as authority was not granted to do business in the State of North Carolina until July 29, 1965, he did not expect his office would be notified by that date.

A characterization of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., is attached as an appendix to this memorandum.



In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Charlotte, North Carolina  
August 16, 1965

Title	NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
Character	RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)
Reference	Memorandum at Charlotte, North Carolina, dated August 16, 1965, captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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ENCLOSURE TO MEMO (2)

Two copies papers filed with Secretary of State of N. C.

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

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Filed in Office this 7 day of Nov. 19 63

Ben B. Burgess, Clerk

GEORGIA, DEKALB COUNTY:

I, Ben B. Burgess, Clerk Superior Court in and for said County, here by certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Petition of NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. for Charter, and Order of Court granting same, as appears of file in this office and that all costs in said proceedings have been paid.

Witness my hand and seal of said Court, this 7 day of

Nov. 19 63

Ben B. Burgess  
Clerk Superior Court,  
DeKalb County, Ga.

ORDER

It appearing to the Court that the above and foregoing petition for incorporation of "NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC." is within the purview and intent of the law of this State, and it further appearing that the Certificate of the Secretary of the State reveals that the name of proposed Corporation is not the name of any other now existing Corporation registered in his Office; it is hereby ordered and adjudged that said petition be and the same is hereby granted, and the corporation is created under the name and style as prayed for in the petition with all the rights, privileges, powers and immunities prayed for herein together with like powers given to Corporations of similar character.

This, the 1st day of November, 1933.

/s/ FRANK GUESS  
Judge, Superior Courts DeKalb County

9.

Petitioners desire the right to own separate unto itself and to control the sale of all paraphernalia, regalia, stationery, jewelry and such other materials needed by the subordinate branches of the order for the proper conduct of their business; the right to publish a fraternal magazine, newspaper, literature, pamphlets, tape recordings, phonograph records and such other literature and paraphernalia as is needed in the conduct of the business of the Order; the right to buy, hold and sell real estate and personal property suitable to the purpose of the said Corporation; to sell, exchange or sub-lease the same or any part thereof; to mortgage or create liens thereon; to borrow money and secure the payments thereon by mortgage or deed of trust and to appoint trustees in connection therewith; to execute promissory notes, to have and to use a common seal, to sue and be sued; to plead and to be impleaded; to do and perform all these things and exercise all these rights, which under the laws of Georgia, are conferred upon Societies or Orders of like character.

WHEREFORE, petitioners pray that an order incorporating them, their associates and successors under the name and style aforesaid with all the powers and privileges necessary to the extension of the Order or the conduct of the business and purpose of the Order.

*H. G. McBrayer, Jr.*  
H. G. McBRAYER, JR.  
Attorney for Petitioners



health, good morals and high character; and further desire such rights, powers and privileges as are now extended to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Free and Accepted Order of Masons, Knights of Pythias, et al, under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Georgia.

5.

Petitioners desire that there shall be a Supreme Legislative Body in which shall be vested the power to adopt and amend the Constitution and By-Laws for the regulation of the general purpose of the welfare of the order and of the subordinate branches of the same.

6.

Petitioners desire that the Supreme Legislative Body will be composed of the Supreme Officers who shall be selected and who shall hold their office as provided by the Constitution and By-laws of said organization.

7.

Petitioners desire that the business of the Society shall be under the control of the Imperial Wizard (President) who shall be amenable in his official administration to the Supreme Officers as provided in the Constitution; and that the Constitution shall be the supreme law of this Order, in the matters pertaining to the general welfare of this society, and to contract with other members of the society for the purpose of promoting and conducting its interest and general welfare, in any manner, or method he may deem proper.

8.

Petitioners desire that they may have the right to adopt a Constitution and By-laws and elect a first Supreme Executive Committee which shall possess all of the powers of the Supreme Legislative Body until the first organization and meeting of that body, and shall fix the number, title and term of the officers composing said Supreme Legislative Committee or Body.

GEORGIA  
DEKALB COUNTY

TO THE SUPERIOR COURT OF SAID COUNTY:

The petition of WILLIAM HUGH MERRIS whose address is P. O. Box 415, Buchanan, Barrow County, Georgia; H. C. HALL whose address is 461 Moreland Avenue, S.E., Fulton County, Atlanta, Georgia; WALLY BUTTERWORTH, V.F.W. Drive, Stone Mountain, DeKalb County, Georgia; and James R. Venable, 900 VFW Drive, Stone Mountain, DeKalb County, Georgia shows to the Court as follows:

1.

That they desire for themselves, their associates and successors to be incorporated in the State of Georgia for a period of thirty-five (35) years with a right of renewal; when and as provided by law, as a patriotic, secret social, benevolent order under the name and style of

"NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC."

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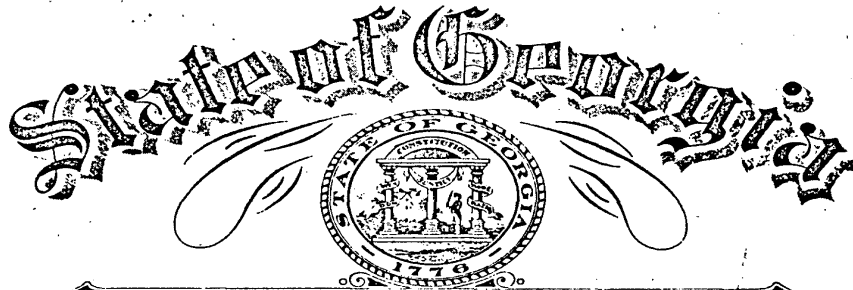
The purpose and object of said corporation is to be purely benevolent and eleemosynary, and there shall be no capital stock, nor profit, nor gain to said corporation or to the members thereof.

3.

The principal office and place of business shall be in DeKalb County, Georgia, but petitioners desire that the Corporation shall have the power to issue decrees, edicts and certificates of organizations to subordinate branches of the Corporation in this or other States of the United States and elsewhere, whenever the same shall be deemed desirable in the conduct of its business.

4.

The petitioners desire that the Society shall have the power to confer and initiate members, and to confer fraternal and secret obligations, words, grip, signs and ceremonies under which there shall be united only white male and female persons of sound



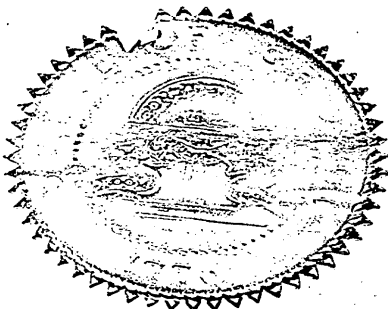
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

*I, Ben M. Fortson, Jr., Secretary of State of the State of Georgia, do hereby certify, that* the six pages of photographed printed matter hereto attached contain a true and correct copy of the petition for charter, the Judge's order thereon, the filing of the Clerk and certificate of the Secretary of State for "NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.", as the same appears of file and record in this office.

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THAD EURE  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
NORTH CAROLINA



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of office, at the Capitol, in the City of Atlanta, this 15th day of July, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty Five and of the Independence of the United States of America the One Hundred and Ninetieth.

*Ben M. Fortson*

SECRETARY OF STATE, EX-OFFICIO CORPORATION  
COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

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11. Attached hereto is a copy of the Articles of Incorporation and all amendments thereto, or a copy of the restated, integrated or consolidated charter of the corporation, duly authenticated by the proper officer of the state or country wherein incorporated.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, this statement is signed by the \_\_\_\_\_ president and \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary,  
this 27th day of July, A.D. 19 65

National Knights of The Ku Klux Klan, Inc.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President

Mrs. Sara Langley  
Secretary

STATE OF Georgia

COUNTY OF DeKalb

James R. Venable and Mrs. Sara Langley, each  
being duly sworn, deposes and says that he signed the foregoing "Application for Certificate of Authority" in the capacity indicated, and  
that the statements therein contained are true and correct.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27 day of July, A.D. 19 65

Larry Latham  
Notary Public

Notary Public, Georgia State at Large  
My Commission Expires Dec. 12, 1967

7. The names and addresses (including street and number, if any) of all of the directors and officers of the corporation are:

Director	Address
James R. Venable	900 VFW Drive, Stone Mountain, Georgia
Mr. H.G. Hill, Sr.	461 Moreland Ave., S.E. Atlanta, Georgia
Mr. William Hugh Morris	P.O. Box 415 Buchanan, Georgia
Mrs. Sara Langley	Cloud Street, Stone Mountain, Georgia

Officers	Title	Address
James R. Venable	President	900 VFW Drive, Stone Mountain, Ga.
William Hugh Morris	V-Pres	Box 415 Buchanan, Georgia
H.G. Hill, Sr.	2nd V-Pres. (Kludd)	461 Moreland Ave., S.E. Atlanta, Ga.
Mrs. Sara Langley	Sec. Treasurer	Cloud St., Stone Mountain, Ga.

8. The number of shares which the corporation has authority to issue, itemized by classes, par value of shares, shares without par value,

and series, if any, within a class, is as follows:

Number of Shares	Class	Series	Par Value, or Statement that Shares are without par value
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N/A

9. The number of shares actually issued by the corporation, itemized by classes, par value of shares, shares without par value, and series, if any, within a class, is as follows:

Number of Shares	Class	Series	Par Value, or Statement that Shares are without par value
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N/A

10. In consideration of the issuance of a Certificate of Authority to transact business in the State of North Carolina, the corporation hereby appoints the Secretary of State of North Carolina, as its agent to receive service of process, notice or demand whenever the corporation fails to appoint or maintain a registered agent in the State of North Carolina, or whenever any such registered agent cannot with reasonable diligence be found at the registered office of the corporation.

VERIFICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

NOTARY PUBLIC  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
NORTH CAROLINA

ATTEST  
NOTARY PUBLIC

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THAD EURE  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
NORTH CAROLINA

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

FOREIGN CORPORATION

National Knights of The Ku Klux Klan, Inc.  
(Name of Corporation)

organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia, hereby makes application for authority to  
transact business in the State of North Carolina, and in compliance with the provisions of Section 55-61 of the General Statutes of North  
Carolina, makes the following statement:

1. The name of the corporation is National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.
2. The corporation was incorporated under the laws of the State of Georgia on the 1st day of November 1963, and is in good standing in its home state. The period of duration of the corporation is 35 years
3. The name the corporation elects to use in the State of North Carolina is N/A
4. The address (including street and number, if any) of the home or principal office of the corporation in the state of incorporation is 4107 Lawrenceville Highway, Tucker, Georgia P. O. Box 107  
~~XXX XXX Street, XXX XXX, XXX XXX, XXX XXX~~
5. The address (including street and number, if any) of the proposed registered office of the corporation in the State of North Carolina is 207 Emory Street, Wilson, North Carolina, Wilson County  
~~1107 Lawrenceville Highway, XXX XXX, XXX XXX, XXX XXX~~  
and the name of the proposed registered agent at such address upon whom process may be served is Billy Brown
6. The purpose or purposes which the corporation proposes to pursue in the transaction of business in the State of North Carolina are:  
A non-profit, secret, benevolent, patriotic organization of a paternal nature;  
to solicit memberships and hold public meetings and rallies for the purpose  
of gaining membership; to collect membership dues and fees that are used to  
promote said organization and its ideas and beliefs.

\* If the name of the corporation does not contain the word "corporation", "company", "incorporated" or "limited", or an abbreviation of one of such words, insert the name of the corporation with the word or abbreviation which it elects to add thereto for use in the State of North Carolina.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, this statement is signed by the \_\_\_\_\_ president and \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary,  
this 27th day of July, A.D. 1965.

National Knights of The Ku Klux Klan, Inc.

By:

James R. Venable  
President

Mrs. Sara Langley  
Secretary

STATE OF Georgia

COUNTY OF DeKalb

James R. Venable

and

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Gray Lohman  
Notary Public

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8. The number of shares which the corporation has authority to issue, itemized by classes, par value of shares, shares without par value, and series, if any, within a class, is as follows:

Number of Shares	Class	Series	Par Value, or Statement that Shares are without par value
3		N/A	

9. The number of shares actually issued by the corporation, itemized by classes, par value of shares, shares without par value, and series, if any, within a class, is as follows:

Number of Shares	Class	Series	Par Value, or Statement that Shares are without par value
		N/A	

10. In consideration of the issuance of a Certificate of Authority to transact business in the State of North Carolina, the corporation hereby appoints the Secretary of State of North Carolina as its agent to receive service of process, notice or demand whenever the corporation fails to appoint or maintain a registered agent in the State of North Carolina, or whenever any such registered agent cannot with reasonable diligence be found at the registered office of the corporation.



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## APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

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(Name of Corporation)

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1. The name of the corporation is National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.
2. The corporation was incorporated under the laws of the State of Georgia on the 1st day of November  
1963 and is in good standing in its home state. The period of duration of the corporation is 35 years
3. The name the corporation elects to use in the State of North Carolina is\* N/A
4. The address (including street and number, if any) of the home or principal office of the corporation in the state of incorporation is  
4107 Lawrenceville Highway, Tucker, Georgia P. O. Box 107  
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Date: 8/12/65

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AIRMAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-188) (P)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN  
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DATE 8-19-88 BY SP-10/10/88

Re report of SA [redacted] 7/27/65, New Orleans, and Bulet to New Orleans dated 8/12/65.

The following corrections should be made in this report:

(1) Page 15, last line, [redacted] etc.", should be marked out.

(2) Page 1, (FD-204), title should be corrected KLUX (not KLUS).

(3) Page 3, paragraph 3, line 6, "does" should be corrected to read "dues".

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1-Jackson (157-2437) Klan Group Unit  
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1-Knoxville (157-39)  
1-Little Rock (157-15)  
1-Mobile  
1-Savannah (157-210)

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Attached for the Bureau are seven (7) copies each of characterization in form of appendix pages for each of the following organizations mentioned in re report.

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA

ASSOCIATION OF ARKANSAS KLANS

ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

Appropriate number of copies of characterizations are being sent to other offices and agencies which received copies of re report.

The observations and suggestions of the Bureau were noted and will be followed in the future.

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 URGENT 8-17-65 12:30 PM  
 TO DIRECTOR AND CINCINNATI  
 FROM CLEVELAND 171537

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 DATE 8-19-88 BY SP8 JG/fet

RE NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, RACIAL MATTERS  
 (KLAN)

RE CLEVELAND TELETYPE TO BUREAU, AUGUST 14, LAST AND  
 CINCINNATI TELETYPES, AUGUST 14 AND AUGUST 16, LAST.

ON AUGUST 16, LAST, A RE-EXAMINATION OF THE FARM OF  
 [REDACTED] CARROLLTON, OHIO BY BUAGENTS FAILS TO  
 DISCLOSE ANY EVIDENCE OF DYNAMITE BEING EXPLODED ON THE  
 FARM. AN INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED] REVEALS NO  
 KNOWLEDGE OF EXPLOSION DURING PERIOD [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] WERE VISITING ON FARM OF [REDACTED] NO  
 ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED BY CLEVELAND AT  
 CARROLLTON, OHIO, UACB OR OO. FD 302 BEING FORWARDED  
 CINCINNATI DIVISION.

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Date: 8/17/65

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-72)SUBJECT: KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
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                     advised on 8/16/65 that                       
                     of the UFKKK klaverns in Central Florida  
 he should attend rally at Stone Mountain, Georgia on  
 9/4/65. Further, that other members of this klavern  
 expected to attend.

                     Informant feels his expenses will be less than  
                     as he and other members of UFKKK will make trip during  
 period of                     

Tampa feels the informant's trip to attend Stone  
 Mountain rally has merit and well worth the expenditure  
 of funds. This should be useful in the development of the  
 informant and also afford coverage of UFKKK members  
 attending.

Atlanta will advise Bureau and Tampa as to their  
 recommendation.

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 2 - Atlanta (RM)  
 4 - Tampa  
     (1 - 157-1879)  
                      
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-60)

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC  
RM-KLAN

Re Cincinnati teletype to Bureau 8/14/65.

In connection with Cincinnati's investigation concerning [redacted] Cincinnati is requested to attempt to ascertain the source from which the dynamite which was located 8/13/65 was obtained in Georgia. Thereafter, Atlanta will conduct appropriate investigation.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TELETYPE

FBI CLEVELND

12:33 AM EDST URGENT 8-22-65 ELT

TO DIRECTOR (157-168)

FROM CLEVELAND (100-10261)

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)

RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN.

CLEVELAND

RE CV TEL EIGHT TWENTYONE LAST.

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
MEETING OF NKKKK, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO CONTINUED WITHOUT

INCIDENT. CROWD IN ATTENDANCE ESTIMATED AT APPROXIMATELY FIVE  
HUNDRED. LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN MEDINA COUNTY AND SURROUND-  
ING COUNTIES SENT IN TO RE-ENFORCE MEDINA COUNTY SO AND OSHP. APPROXIMATELY THREE HUNDRED OFFICERS ON DUTY AT SCENE. CHECK-  
POINTS WERE SET UP BY POLICE IN ROADS LEADING TO MEETING LO-  
CATION AND ALL CARS SEARCHED BEFORE ALLOWED TO PROCEED. SEVERAL  
RIFLES, SHOTGUNS, HANDGUNS, AND KNIVES WERE CONFISCATED.

JAMES VENABLE, NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF NKKKK, WAS PRESENT AS  
FEATURED SPEAKER. EX 110 REC-64 157-168-414

OREGONIA, OHIO, ANNOUNCED IF THE KLAN'S  
RECRUITMENT EFFORT FOR NEW MEMBERS AT THIS MEETING WAS NOT TO  
THIER EXPECTATIONS THEY MAY HOLD ANOTHER MEETING AT FUTURE  
DATE, PROBABLY IN AKRON, OHIO AREA.

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AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT PM GROUP OF ABOUT TWENTYFIVE INDIVIDUALS APPEARED WITH PICKET SIGNS PROTESTING KLAN MEETING. GROUP REPRESENTED "OHIO FRIENDS OF [REDACTED] GROUP COMPOSED MOSTLY OF TEENAGERS AND COLLEGE AGE INDIVIDUALS. PICKETS WERE BOTH WHITE AND NEGRO. POLICE KEPT PICKETS ON OPPOSITE SIDE OF HIGHWAY FROM MEETING AND ASIDE FROM ORAL REMARKS COMING FROM BOTH SIDES NO INCIDENTS OCCURED. LARGE TWENTYFIVE FOOT CROSS WAS IGNITED AT NINE THIRTY PM SIGNIFYING CLOSE OF MEETING. AS CROSS SLOWLY BURNED OUT PICKETERS COMMENCED LEAVING IN SMALL GROUPS OF FOUR AND FIVE. BY TEN PM CROWD HAD LEFT SCENE AND ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS DEPARTED AT TEN FIFTEEN PM.

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KLAN REGISTRATION FOR NEW MEMBERS IS TO COMMENCE MORNING OF EIGHT TWENTYTWO, SIXTYFIVE. EXPECT REGISTRATION TO BE COMPLETED BY TWO PM SAME DATE.

CLEVELAND FOLLOWING CLOSELY AND BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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~~CORRECTION PAGE ONE FOURTH PARA~~ [REDACTED]

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FBI WASH DC

*cc: Sullivan*



Date: 8/20/65

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)  
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-60) (P)  
RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
RM-KLAN

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Re Tampa airtel to Bureau 8/17/65 captioned  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., RM.

Inasmuch as invitations and leaflets are being  
sent to many Klan leaders and organizations throughout the  
South, it is expected that the Klan rally sponsored by  
captioned organization scheduled for 9/4/65 will be a rather  
large affair; therefore, Atlanta recommends Tampa send  
[redacted] to this rally.

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## Domestic Intelligence Division

## INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 8-22-65

Attached relates to Ku Klux Klan meeting in Medina County, Ohio, 8-21-65.

The Civil Rights Division of the Department has been advised. Attached is being included in Racial Summary disseminated to the White House, Attorney General, ranking Departmental officials, including the Civil Rights Division and to the Council on Equal Opportunity.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-60)

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
RM (KLAN)

On 8/19/65, AT 1652-R furnished a leaflet dated 8/10/65 from JAMES R. VENABLE, Imperial Wizard, National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Tucker, Georgia. The leaflet states as follows:

- 3- Bureau (157-168) (RM)  
 1- Birmingham (RM)  
 1- Cincinnati (RM)  
 1- Charlotte (RM)  
 1- Cleveland (RM)  
 1- Jackson (RM)  
 1- Jacksonville (RM)  
 1- Knoxville (RM)  
 1- Miami (RM)  
 1- Mobile (RM)  
 1- New Orleans (RM)  
 1- Savannah (RM)  
 1- Tampa (RM)  
 1- Dallas (RM)  
 1- San Antonio (RM)  
 1- Houston (RM)  
 1- Memphis (RM)  
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Approved: *[Signature]*

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"Dear Patriot:

"The National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan Association will hold a public speaking and cross burning near Atlanta at Stone Mountain, Georgia, September 4, 1965. This meeting will be held at the regular location of all National Klans rallies.

"All Klanspeople, their families, and all patriotic white people are invited to attend this rally. We urge all Klanspeople to bring and wear their robes. This will be the 50th Anniversary of the re-birth of the Klan on Stone Mountain and we want this to be the largest rally ever held in this part of the country.

"For the convenience of those who will be travelling with their house trailers, there will be a place to park and free lights and water will be furnished. If you desire, we will be glad to make reservations for you and your friends in motels and hotels. Wire, write, or call the above address if you want reservations in motels or hotels.

"Patriots, this may be the last time that you will be able to exercise your remaining Bill of Rights guaranteed you under the Constitution of the United States of America. It is your patriotic duty to come and bring your family and friends.

"Plan now and don't fail to come.

"Yours truly,  
/s/ JAMES R. VENABLE."

Informant stated the above notices are being sent to all Klan organizations and numerous members in an effort to attract a large gathering for the rally.

The above is being furnished for the information of the Bureau and Southern offices.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)  
ATTN: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-10261) (P)

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
(NKKKK)  
RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

Re CVairtel to Bureau, 8/18/65, CVtels to Bureau, 8/21/65 and 8/22/65, and Bureau telephone call to CV, 8/21/65.

Enclosed are eight copies of a LHM.

Two copies of LHM have been designated for the office of the U. S. Secret Service, and the local offices of G-2, ONI, and OSI are being furnished one copy each of the LHM in view of their interest in this matter. The Atlanta and Cincinnati Offices are being furnished appropriate copies of the LHM for their files.

The identities of the sources utilized in the LHM are set forth as follows, noting that in those instances where those sources orally reported information, other than characterizations, this information will be incorporated in their forthcoming informant reports:

- 4 - Bureau Enc. 4 (RM)  
4 - Atlanta (Enc. 4) (157-60) (RM)  
(1 - JAMES R. VENABLE)  
4 - Cincinnati (157-245) (Enc. 4) (RM)

(1 - WORKERS WORLD PARTY/"OHIO FRIENDS OF MAE MALLORY COMMITTEE")  
2 - Cleveland

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AGENCY: ACSI, ONI, OSI, SEC SER  
DEPT ISD, CRD

DATE FORW: 8/27/65  
HOW FORW: R/S

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copies made  
2/4/78 JTA/JJS p12, encl 3  
re WILLIAM W. MORRIS  
for review at FBIHQ by  
HSCA re 1/9/78 request.  
(See Bufile #62-117290)

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Klan Group Unit  
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CV 100-10261

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The LHM is classified ~~confidential~~ because information reported from  could reasonably result in the identification of informants of continuing value and thereby compromise their future effectiveness.

For the information of the Bureau, close liaison was maintained on a continuous basis with law enforcement agencies participating in the NKKKK rally on 8/21 and 22/65 and they were afforded pertinent information coming to the attention of the Cleveland Office. In addition, liaison was established with the U. S. Secret Service and G-2 in view of their immediate interest in this matter.

For further information of the Bureau, Judge CHARLES W. WHITE, Civil Court No. 1, Court of Common Pleas for Cuyahoga County, Cleveland, on 8/20/65, denied a temporary restraining order on a petition by the Howard Johnson Restaurant Corporation to prevent the occurrence of the NKKKK rally at Strongsville, Ohio, on 8/20/65 in that the NKKKK had already vacated plans to hold the rally at Strongsville, Ohio. (Publicly announced 8/19/65.)

The Cleveland Office will further develop and report information resulting from instant NKKKK rally.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Cleveland, Ohio  
August 23, 1965

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ON 8-19-88

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)

NKKKK RALLY AT BRUNSWICK HILLS  
TOWNSHIP, OHIO, AUGUST 21 and 22, 1965

NKKKK Activities of August 21 and 22, 1965

Sheriff NORMAN J. STUART, Sheriff of Medina County, Medina, Ohio, during August 21 and 22, 1965, furnished the Cleveland Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation information concerning a rally of the NKKKK held August 21 and 22, 1965, at Brunswick Hills Township, Ohio, which is set forth as follows:

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The NKKKK meeting commenced at 6:00 AM, August 21, 1965, on the property of [redacted] located at [redacted] of the intersection of [redacted] Brunswick Hills Township, Medina County, Ohio. This meeting of the NKKKK was originally scheduled to be held in Strongsville, Ohio, but was switched at the last moment to the Brunswick Hills Township location due to strong opposition in Strongsville, Ohio.

Twelve checkpoints were jointly set up by the Medina County Sheriff's Office and the Ohio State Highway Patrol at all access points leading into the meeting area. At these points, all cars entering the area were physically searched for weapons, as well as a screening of occupants to exclude the

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possibility of admitting individuals who could be a cause of possible trouble. During the course of the two-day affair, some 25 weapons were confiscated. These weapons included revolvers, rifles, shotguns, baseball bats, knives, and a tear gas bomb. Approximately 300 law enforcement officers were on hand at the scene of the rally site and checkpoints during the two-day period.

A Law Enforcement Command Post was set up on a farm on U. S. Highway 42 across from the NKKKK rally site and arrangements were made to reinforce law enforcement officers present in case of the eruption of a riot.

During the course of the day, [redacted] Ohio organizer of the NKKKK, took strong objection to the utilization of the checkpoints by the law enforcement agencies and was vehement that there was no need for such a procedure. However, it was pointed out to [redacted] that at that point a carbine and ammunition had already been confiscated as a result of the checkpoints.

A vacant cement block restaurant on the [redacted] property was utilized as headquarters for the NKKKK rally, and above this structure flew a Confederate flag and a flag of the United States. This cement block structure was also set up to handle registrations for membership into the NKKKK. A wooden platform complete with a public address system was erected for speeches.

During the morning and afternoon registration on August 21, 1965, there was no more than 50 or 60 individuals at the NKKKK site at any one time and the peak crowd at the night festivities is estimated at 500 people, although NKKKK officials estimated the crowd at between 3,000 and 5,000. NKKKK officials would reveal no information as to the number of individuals who registered for NKKKK membership.

At about 8:00 PM, August 21, 1965, a group of about 25 pickets in five cars appeared in the vicinity of the NKKKK rally site. They identified themselves as the "Ohio Friends of MAE MALLORY Committee" and carried signs which read "The KKK Preaches a Super Race--As Hitler Did", "Klansmen are American Nazis" and "I'm a Catholic, Can I Join?". These pickets

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assembled on the west side of U. S. Highway 42 opposite to the NKKKK rally site and were composed of both males and females of the white and Negro races who appeared to be college students of college age. Although both groups, the picketers and those at the NKKKK rally, shouted insulting ~~remarks~~ at one another, there was no violence.

REMARKS

Pickets, as well as those in attendance at the NKKKK rally, were kept on opposite sides of U. S. Highway 42 by law enforcement officers.

During the evening hours on August 21, 1965, JAMES R. VENABLE, National Chairman of the NKKKK, gave a short speech in which he advised that the Klan feels there is a place for the colored man in the United States but that God did not mean that the colored should be integrated with the white man. He advised that all white Christians were invited to join the NKKKK with the exception of those white people who owe their allegiance to powers in foreign lands, such as Catholics and Jews. He noted that recent riots in Los Angeles, California, have added thousands of new Klan members to their rolls. He also noted that he was satisfied with the present rally, although he was disappointed by the roadblocks put up by the law enforcement agencies. He announced that the site would be opened on Sunday, August 22, 1965, for the sole purpose of registering new members into the NKKKK.

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[redacted] of the NKKKK, also gave a short speech which was substantially the same as VENABLE's, and further noted "the police are making the area a police state" and have turned away people who wanted to come to the rally.

Following the speeches a 25 foot cross was burned at 9:30 PM, signifying the close of the meeting. As the cross slowly burned, the pickets and those in attendance at the NKKKK rally slowly dispersed in small groups, and by 10:00 PM, the crowd was dissipated. At 10:15 PM, the area was considered secured and law enforcement officers departed.

On Sunday, August 22, 1965, the registration for new NKKKK members commenced at the same site at approximately 8:00 AM and was closed at approximately 5:00 PM. No speeches were given

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and the public address system had already been dismantled. No more than 30 to 40 cars were observed in the parking lot at any one time.

It was learned that JAMES R. VENABLE had issued instructions to [ ] to organize another NKKKK meeting within six weeks at the same location or in Strongsville, Ohio.

During the course of the two-day affair, no arrests were made nor were there any acts of violence.

A characterization of the NKKKK appears as an Appendix attached hereto.

Possible Communist Party (CP) and Congress  
of Racial Equality (CORE) Participation

[ ] who has furnished reliable information in the past, or [ ] informed that [ ] contacted him that date to advise that CORE was considering sending pickets to the NKKKK rally of [ ] although specific plans had not been formalized. [ ] advised that she intended to attend as a picket.

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[ ] who has furnished information to the U. S. Government, is a self-admitted member of the CP whose cooperation with the U. S. Government was publicly disclosed on June 5, 1962. [ ] reported on February 17, 1961, that [ ] to be a member of the Heights Club of the CP of Cleveland, Ohio, as of April, 1960.

[ ] on [ ] advised that he was in contact with [ ] at which time [ ] advised that there would be no use to attempt to go to the NKKKK rally to picket as the police were not letting anyone into the area. [ ] advised that because of the widespread news coverage of the fact that the police were excluding individuals from the area, and in particular Negroes who might be the cause of some violence, CORE plans to picket the NKKKK rally were abandoned.

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W. E. B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA)  
and CP Participation

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, on August 21, 1965, advised that the Cleveland Chapter of the DCA plans to send a caravan of eight or nine cars to the NKKKK rally at Brunswick Hills Township, Ohio, on August 21, 1965.

A characterization of the DCA appears as an Appendix attached hereto.

[redacted] on August 23, 1965, informed that he was able to learn that only two cars from the Cleveland Chapter of the DCA went to the NKKKK rally on August 21, 1965.

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One of the two cars was driven by [redacted] who was accompanied by [redacted]

[redacted] on April 3, 1962, advised that [redacted] was present on March 10, 1962, at a fund raising party for "The Worker" [redacted] At this affair it was stated that since the Supreme Court decision against the CP, there has not been any public meetings of the Party, and that is why this particular meeting was called a "Worker" party and not a Party meeting.

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist publication.

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on [redacted]

[redacted] at a CP youth meeting on [redacted] in Cleveland, Ohio. These persons were introduced by [redacted] the Ohio State CP, as organizers for the summer project to help organize the DCA in Cleveland, and also as CP members.

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[redacted] on August 23, 1965, identified  
[redacted] of the local DCA;  
[redacted] of the Local  
DCA; [redacted] as a local DCA member.

[redacted] continued to say that of this group the police would not permit [redacted] to enter the NKKKK rally site inasmuch as he appeared "underage." The rest of the group proceeded to the NKKKK rally site, however, they did not participate in any picket activity or demonstrating but limited their activities to observation of the NKKKK rally from a safe distance.

Workers World Party (WWP) and "Ohio  
Friends of MAE MALLORY Committee" Participation

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, on August 16, 1965, informed that the WWP at Youngstown, Ohio, is attempting to recruit a group of WWP members from Youngstown, Ohio, to "peacefully picket" at the NKKKK rally at Strongsville, Ohio, on August 21, 1965. [redacted] noted that he is definite at least three WWP members from Youngstown would picket, and he also learned that a "carload" of WWP members from Columbus, Ohio, would also join the picketing.

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[redacted] on August 23, 1965, informed that he was able to learn that [redacted] of Youngstown, Ohio, was sending out mimeographed letters in an attempt to organize a picket line against the NKKKK rally then scheduled for Strongsville, Ohio, on August 21, 1965. [redacted] was sending the letters out under the name of "Ohio Friends of MAE MALLORY Committee." [redacted] noted that [redacted] is a member of the WWP and local organizer of the Monroe Defense Committee (MDC). He stated that this information relates to information he previously furnished on August 16, 1965; further that the WWP was utilizing a new name, "Ohio Friends of MAE MALLORY Committee" for the purposes of this picket demonstration.

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, on November 2, 1964, identified [redacted] as a member of the WWP and of the National Committee of the WWP as of September 7, 1964.

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KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)

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A characterization of the WWP and MDC  
appears as an Appendix attached hereto.

[redacted] on August 23, 1965, informed that [redacted]  
and [redacted] were the only individuals he is  
positive who attended the NKKKK rally on August 21, 1965, at  
Brunswick Hills Township, Ohio, and that they participated in  
the picket demonstration against the NKKKK rally. He noted  
that [redacted] participated under the name of the "Ohio Friends  
of MAE MALLORY Committee" and that [redacted] was successful in  
recruiting other individuals to join in the picketing. He  
noted that he is presently unaware of the identity of these  
other individuals; however, he believes that for the most part  
they were students from Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.  
However, he did note that they all participated under the name  
of the "Ohio Friends of MAE MALLORY Committee."

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[redacted] advised on September 2, 1963,  
that [redacted] was in attendance at  
the WWP Labor Day Conference held in  
New York City, August 31, 1963.

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)

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W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA

A source has advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party (CP), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates to this meeting were cautioned against the germ of anti-Soviet and anti-CP ideologies. These delegates were also told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

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A second conference of over 20 persons met in Chicago on December 28-29, 1963, for the purpose of initiating a "call" to the new youth organization and planning for a founding convention to be held in June, 1964.

[ ] source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held from June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W.E.B. Du Bois Clubs of America was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention. The aims of this organization, as set forth in the preamble to the constitution, are: "It is our belief that this nation can best solve its problems in an atmosphere of peaceful coexistence, complete disarmament and true freedom for all peoples of the world, and that these solutions will be reached mainly through the united efforts of all democratic elements in our country, composed essentially of the working people allied in the unity of Negroes and other minorities with whites. We further fully recognize that the greatest threat to American democracy comes from the racist and right wing forces in coalition with the most reactionary sections of the economic power structure, using the tool of anti-communism to divide and destroy the unified struggle of the working people. As young people in the forces struggling for democracy, we shall actively strive to defeat these reactionary and neo-fascist elements and to achieve complete freedom and democracy for all Americans, thus enabling each individual to freely choose and build the society he would wish to live in. Through these struggles we feel the American people will realize the viability of the socialist alternatives."

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The constitution further states that this new organization shall be a membership organization open to individuals, or if five or more people so desire a chapter can be formed which shall in turn be guided by the policies and principles of the parent organization.

[redacted] source has also advised that at the founding convention it was voted that the organization should be temporarily headquartered in San Francisco, California, although no specific physical location was decided upon. This same source advised on June 29, 1964, that the temporary headquarters of this organization is 1007 McAllister Street, San Francisco, which is the headquarters of the W.E. B. Du Bois Club of San Francisco.

[redacted] sources have advised that at the founding convention two officers were elected:

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[redacted] source has advised that on October 26, 1962, [redacted] attended a CP recruiting class held at 1579 Scenic Avenue, Berkeley, California.

[redacted] source has advised that Carl Bloice, reporter for the "People's World" newspaper, was, on April 3, 1964, elected to the newly organized San Francisco County Committee of the CP.

The "People's World" is a west coast communist newspaper published weekly in San Francisco, California.

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
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MONROE DEFENSE COMMITTEE

A source advised on February 16, 1962, that [redacted] [redacted] a member of the Workers World Party (WWP) from New York, was sent to Cleveland, Ohio, in October, 1961, by the Monroe Defense Committee (MDC) of New York to organize an MDC in Cleveland, and that [redacted] with the aid of [redacted] [redacted] members of WWP, and [redacted] organized an MDC in Cleveland with headquarters at 1289 East 115th Street.

On March 3, 1964, this source related that the purpose of the MDC in Cleveland was to aid in the support of [redacted] in her fight against extradition to Monroe, North Carolina. Following her extradition in January, 1964, headquarters of MDC was moved from Cleveland to Monroe, North Carolina.

[redacted] source advised March 12, 1964, that the purpose of MDC is to obtain support and funds to aid in the continued defense of [redacted]

[redacted] who were convicted in Superior Court, Monroe, North Carolina, February 27, 1964, on charges of kidnapping [redacted] in Monroe on August 27, 1961, following a race riot in that city.

This source stated on May 21, 1964, that Headquarters of MDC is located at 605 Brown Street, Monroe, North Carolina, with [redacted]

[redacted] source in September, 1963, identified [redacted] as a member of WWP.

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To: SAC, Atlanta (157-60)  
From: Director, FBI (157-168)

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
RACIAL MATTERS

ReTPairtel captioned "United Florida Ku Klux Klan,"  
dated 8/24/65, copy furnished Atlanta.

James Venable, leader of the National Knights of  
the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., (NKKKK), while at a Klan public rally,  
Jacksonville, Florida, announced that the NKKKK rally will be  
held at Stone Mountain, Georgia, 9/4/65. Similar data  
pertaining to this rally has no doubt been received from  
other sources.

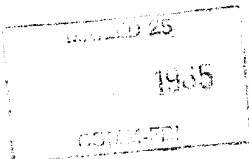
You are instructed to arrange suitable coverage,  
continue close liaison with appropriate local and military  
authorities, and keep the Bureau currently advised.

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NOTE:

The NKKKK, led by Chairman Venable, is headquartered  
in Tucker, Georgia, and has a membership of approximately 50.  
The rally scheduled for 9/4/65, has received considerable  
publicity. The Department and military agencies have been  
previously advised through letterhead memorandum.

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From: SAC, Cleveland (100-10261) (P)

Subject: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)  
PROPOSED NKKKK RALLY AT STRONGSVILLE, OHIO,  
AUGUST 21, 1965  
RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

Re Cleveland airtel to Atlanta, 8-12-65.

Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum. Two copies have been designated for the local office of the US Secret Service, and the local offices of G-2, ONI, and OSI are being furnished one copy each in consideration of the nature of information reflected in the letterhead memorandum concerning possible demonstrations against instant NKKKK rally.

A Confidential Informant mentioned in the LHM is [redacted] and Another Confidential Informant is [redacted] (c)

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(1 - JAMES R. VENABLE)

- 4 - Cincinnati (157-245) (Enc. 4) (RM)  
(1 - WORKERS WORLD PARTY)  
2 - Cleveland  
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who both orally furnished the noted information, which will be incorporated into their next informant reports.

The LHM is classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ because information reported from the confidential sources could reasonably result in the identification of confidential informants of continuing value and thereby compromise their future effectiveness.

In addition to the local offices of the military intelligence services, representatives of the Strongsville (Ohio) Police Department, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office, and the Cleveland Police Department have been alerted in substance to the information furnished by the confidential informants, inasmuch as this information could indicate a possibility of violence.

For the information of the Bureau, the Howard Johnson Restaurant Corporation filed a suit on August 17, 1965, at the Court of Common Pleas for Cuyahoga County, Cleveland, Ohio, petitioning that the proposed NKKKK rally at Strongsville, Ohio, would violate zoning ordinances and should be prohibited. A hearing will be held on Friday, August 20, 1965, to judge the merits of the suit.

The Cleveland Office is effecting coverage in instant NKKKK rally through law enforcement agencies, informants, and sources and will remain alert to this situation.

The Atlanta and Cincinnati Offices are requested to suAirtel any information bearing on instant NKKKK rally.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (NKKKK)

PROPOSED NKKKK RALLY AT  
STRONGSVILLE, OHIO  
AUGUST 21, 1965

Chief of Police CHARLES B. SPERBER, Strongsville Police Department, Strongsville, Ohio, on August 17, 1965, informed that the NKKKK plans to hold a rally on Saturday, August 21, 1965, at Strongsville, Ohio. The site of the rally is a vacant 14-acre tract of land which is situated on Whitney Road and a few hundred feet east of Pearl Road (US Highway 42). The tract of land has a frontage of 790 feet on Whitney Road and can be readily located, inasmuch as it abuts the Howard Johnson Restaurant and Motel which is located on the southeast corner of Whitney Road and US Highway 42 and in the immediate proximity of Interchange 10 of the Ohio Turnpike, Strongsville, Ohio.

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Chief SPERBER informed that sometime during the latter part of July or early August 1965, an individual who identified himself as [redacted] of Lebanon, Ohio, contacted him, at which time he [redacted] stated that he was the Ohio organizer of the NKKKK and that the NKKKK was considering several sites in Strongsville, Ohio, for a rally to be held August 21, 1965. [redacted] stated that he was contacting Strongsville, Ohio, authorities inasmuch as he wanted to comply with the local laws and wished to determine if a permit were needed for such a meeting.

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He said there would be no violence and that drinking and carrying of guns would be prohibited.

Chief SPERBER noted that [ ] was advised that no permit would be required and such an assembly on private property would not be a violation of any local ordinances.

Chief SPERBER continued to say that [ ] related that the purpose of the meeting would be to register individuals for Klan membership. Registration would commence at 6 a.m. and continue through to 8 p.m. From 8 p.m. until 10 p.m., there would be a Klan-type religious ceremony, followed by the burning of a cross. He advised that the Klansmen would not wear hoods and also noted that Klan registration is now open to "Catholics." [ ] added that the speaker for this rally would be JAMES R. VENABLE, National Chairman of the NKKKK, from Georgia.

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[ ] had no estimate of the number of people expected at the rally, although he noted that at a similar NKKKK rally held during May 1965 at Lebanon, Ohio, only about a few hundred people were expected, and they were surprised when 8,000 showed up. In this connection, [ ] stated that they were seeking a site for the rally which would be easily accessible to individuals wishing to attend the rally and also near a major highway where the activity could be viewed from the road in order to entice people to enter. *Ch*

Chief SPERBER stated he subsequently learned that [ ] had leased the Whitney Road property from [ ] for the August 21, 1965, date. He also learned that JAMES R. VENABLE would arrive in the Cleveland area on August 20, 1965, from Stone Mountain, Georgia, and that VENABLE would be accompanied by [ ] Klan [ ] from Atlanta, Georgia, who is the Klan [ ] of Augusta, Georgia, who is a Klan [ ]

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Chief SPERBER also noted that he has learned of an unconfirmed rumor that 2,000 Negroes from the Ford Motor Company, Brookpark, Ohio, will picket the rally. The Ford Motor Company was contacted, at which time it was learned that the Ford Motor Company employs approximately 8,000 Negroes at their Brookpark plant; however, a Ford Company official doubted that any of these Negroes would picket the NK K K K rally, inasmuch as they are working seven days a week; work a considerable amount of overtime each day; and are very well off financially to participate in any such activity. This Ford Company official also noted that in the event there was such a plan, this would have come to the attention of the management through their company "sources."

Chief SPERBER advised that his entire department is alerted and that the area of the rally will be heavily patrolled to exclude the possibility of any violence. He noted that the Ohio State Highway Patrol has been alerted and they will have "up to 100 men" on standby for immediate movement into the area, should there be any sign of violence.

Chief SPERBER concluded that there was strong local opposition to the proposed NK K K K meeting and that legal action is presently contemplated by the Howard Johnson Restaurant Corporation to prevent the occurrence of this meeting.

A Confidential Informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on August 16, 1965, informed that the Workers World Party (WWP) at Youngstown, Ohio, is attempting to recruit a group of WWP members from Youngstown, Ohio, to "peacefully picket" the NK K K K rally at Strongsville, Ohio, on August 21, 1965. Informant noted that it is definite that at least three WWP members from Youngstown, Ohio, would picket and that he also learned that a "carload" of WWP members from Columbus, Ohio, would also join the picketing.

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[redacted] Confidential Informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on August 18, 1965, informed that [redacted], whom he describes as a militant Negroess active in the civil rights movement in the Cleveland, Ohio, area, contacted him on August 17, 1965, to advise that "they," referring to civil rights workers, were organizing a group to "heckle" the NKKKKK meeting during the evening of August 21, 1965, at Strongsville, Ohio. She noted that the group was going there "peacefully," however, indicated that should they be met with violence, they would not back away from their intended purpose.

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A characterization of the NKKKKK and the WWP appears as an Appendix attached hereto.

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TO DIRECTOR (157-168)

FROM CLEVELAND (100-10261)

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)

RE CV TEL, AUGUST TWENTYONE, SIXTYFIVE.

REGISTRATION OF NEW MEMBERS OF NKKKK COMMENCED APPROXIMATELY  
EIGHT AM, AUGUST TWENTYTWO, INSTANT AT MEETING SITE LOCATED  
INTERSECTION OF COUNTY ROAD ONE ZERO NINE AND STATE ROUTE FORTYTWO,  
MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO. MEDINA COUNTY SO CONTINUED ITS PATROL OF  
MEETING SITE FROM OPPOSITE SIDE OF HIGHWAY WHERE RENFORCED BY  
OFFICERS FROM SURROUNDING DEPARTMENTS AND TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY  
THIRTY OFFICERS PRESENT. NO PICKETS PRESENT ALL DAY AND NO  
INFORMATION DEVELOPED INDICATING ANY WOULD SHOW.

MEETING SITE VERY QUIET. NO SPEECHES GIVEN AND PA SYSTEM  
DISCONNECTED. ENTIRE DAY DEVOTED STRICTLY TO REGISTRATION OF  
NEW MEMBERS. CARS ENTERED AND DEPARTED MEETING HEADQUARTERS ON  
INFREQUENT BASIS AND NOT MORE THAN THIRTY - FORTY CARS IN PARKING  
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KLAN ANNOUNCED REGISTRATION WOULD BE TERMINATED FIVE PM  
THIS DATE AND ALL PRESENT WOULD DEPART AREA THAT TIME.

JAMES VENABLE, NATIONAL CHARIMAN OF NKKKK ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS  
TO [REDACTED], ORGANIZER OF INSTANT MEETING, TO ORGANIZE ANOTHER  
MEETING WITHIN SIX WEEKS. LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING TO BE IN  
SAME LOCATION AS PRESENT OR IN STRONGSVILLE, OHIO WHICH IS  
ABOUT SEVEN MILES NORTH ON STATE ROUTE FORTYTWO.

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ANY DEVELOPMENTS CONTRARY TO ABOVE WILL BE BROUGHT TO  
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TO DIRECTOR (157-168)

FROM CLEVELAND (100-10261)

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RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

RE CLEVELAND AIRTEL AUGUST EIGHTEEN LAST, WHICH ADVISED  
OF THE PROPOSED NKKKK RALLY AT STRONGSVILLE, OHIO, THIS DATE.

MEETING OF NKKKK COMMENCED APPROXIMATELY SIX AM THIS  
8-21 DATE ON PROPERTY OF [REDACTED] LOCATED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MEDINA  
COUNTY, OHIO. AREA IS UNDER JURISDICTION OF MEDINA COUNTY  
SO AND MEDINA BARRACKS OF OSHP. BOTH DEPARTMENTS HAVE  
SET UP COORDINATED EFFORTS TO CONTROL TRAFFIC AND CROWDS.  
BOTH DEPARTMENTS HAD SOURCES IN ATTENDANCE AT MEETING AND  
HAD PLANS TO OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS AND LICENSE NUMBERS. THEY  
HAVE ALSO SET UP ROAD BLOCKS ON ROADS LEADING TO LOCATION  
AND ARE SEARCHING CARS FOR WEAPONS.

AS OF ONE THIRTY PM, NO INCIDENTS HAVE OCCURRED  
AND SITUATION IS ORDERLY. SHERIFF NORM STUART, MEDINA  
COUNTY SO, REPORT SOME EVIDENCE OF SOME GROUPS GATHERING  
IN NEARBY AREAS IN PROTEST OF MEETING, HOWEVER, ALL ARE

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CONDUCTING THEMSELVES IN ORDERLY FASHION.

INFORMANT, THIS AM, ADVISED EVENING OF AUGUST  
TWENTY LAST LEARNED THAT <sup>CP 2nd 11, Club.</sup> W. E. B. DU BOIS CLUB OF CLEVELAND  
PLANNED TO SEND CARAVAN OF EIGHT OR NINE CARS TO INSTANT  
KLAN RALLY, SPECIFIC PURPOSE UNKNOWN.

[REDACTED] INFORMANT ON AUGUST TWENTY LAST REPORTED  
THAT [REDACTED] A REPORTED COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBER IN  
NINETEEN SIXTY, CONTACTED HER TO ADVISE THAT CORE CONSIDERING  
SENDING PICKETS TO KLAN RALLY ALTHOUGH PLANS NOT FORMALIZED.

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APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ADVISED.

CLEVELAND FOLLOWING MATTER CLOSELY. ANY INCIDENTS OCCURRING  
WILL BE BROUGHT TO BUREAU'S IMMEDIATE ATTENTION.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/24/65

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-358) (P)

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RACIAL MATTERS

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Re Cincinnati letter to Bureau, 12/14/64, and  
Cincinnati teletype to Bureau, 8/10/65.

Set out below are current residence and employment  
for subject:

Residence:

Employment:

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Ohio.

Columbus,

Changes made on Cincinnati Bombing Suspect List.

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PROPOSED RALLY OF NATIONAL KU KLUX KLAN ORGANIZATIONS, STONE  
 MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA, SEPTEMBER 4, 1965, RM.

RE NO AIRTEL TO AT AND DIRECTOR, AUGUST 27 LAST.

[REDACTED] INVITED TO ATTEND ABOVE CAPTIONED RALLY.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO AUTHORIZE INFORMANT TO TRAVEL TO STONE  
 MOUNTAIN IN ORDER TO REPORT ON LOUISIANA KLANSMEN ATTENDING.  
 ATLANTA ADVISED SERVICE OF INFORMANT SHOULD BE UTILIZED.

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RADIOGRAM

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TO SAC, NEW ORLEANS

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

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W. J. R. [Signature]

PROPOSED RALLY OF NATIONAL KU KLUX KLAN ORGANIZATIONS, STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA, SEPTEMBER 4, 1965, RACIAL MATTERS.

REURRAD AUGUST THIRTY LAST. AUTHORITY GRANTED FOR

(PROB) TO ATTEND MEETING OF CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION

AT STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA, FOR PURPOSE STATED IN RERAD.

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NOTE:

There is to be a rally of Klan organizations at Stone Mountain, Georgia, on date indicated and New Orleans requested Bureau assign an informant mentioned to attend this rally in order to report on Louisiana klansmen in attendance. Atlanta advised service of informant should be utilized. New Orleans did not request any payment for informant to attend. If next radiogram contact missed, send urgent coded teletype.

VIA RADIOGRAM

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Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-60) (P)SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., a  
Association of Klans in America,  
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan  
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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On the evening of 8/25/65, [redacted] obtained temporary possession of two documents which were in the possession of JAMES R. VENABLE, Imperial Wizard of captioned organization.

Document #1 was a three page typewritten list of names and addresses of persons who have been initiated into captioned organization but who had not received their membership cards as of 8/17/65. This document was autostated by SA [redacted] and the original returned to the informant.

Document #2 was a legal pad, the first three pages of which contained a handwritten list of names and addresses. Informant was not positive of the significance

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
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- 2 - Cincinnati (157-245) (Enc. 2) (RM)
- 2 - Louisville (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 2 - Indianapolis (RM)
- 2 - Pittsburgh (RM)
- 2 - Knoxville (RM)
- 3 - Atlanta
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1-cc Klan Unit

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Approved: [Signature]  
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of this list but believe them to be members of captioned organization or persons who have applied for membership. This document was copied by SA [redacted] and the original returned to the informant.

Document #1 contained 112 names and addresses of whom 103 reside in Ohio, 8 in Kentucky, and one in Indiana.

Document #2 contained 56 names and addresses, 54 of whom reside in Ohio, one in Tennessee, and one in West Virginia.

Enclosed herewith for Cleveland and Cincinnati is one copy each of documents #1 and #2. One copy of document #1 is enclosed herewith for Louisville.

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For the information of Indianapolis, the Indiana resident listed in document #1 is [redacted] Dillsboro, Indiana.

For the information of Knoxville, the Tennessee resident listed in document #2 is [redacted]  
[redacted] Knoxville, Tennessee.

For the information of Pittsburgh, the West Virginia resident listed in document #2 is [redacted]  
[redacted] Charleston 2, West Virginia.

The attention of all offices is directed to the fact that the informant is a highly placed officer in the organization who could easily be compromised by indiscreet use of this information. Accordingly, each office is requested to carefully consider any investigation in the immediate future based on this information, bearing in mind that no action should be taken which would expose our informant.

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